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I Chronicles 22:5, *“I will [therefore] now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.”*

In I Chronicles 22, David is preparing for his son Solomon to build the house of the LORD. Materials for the temple are being gathered while David is alive. He gathered gold, silver, stones, trees, and iron for nails.

In a similar manner, we need to prepare abundantly before our deaths. We also need to prepare to build the house of the LORD. The house we build is ourselves. We are told in I Corinthians 3:16, *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”* II Timothy 1:14 says, *“That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.”* With God and the Holy Ghost dwelling in us, we are spiritually the house of the LORD.

Like David, let’s prepare and build our spiritual house. The time to prepare it is now, before our deaths. When we pass from this life, we can no longer build up our spiritual house. What are some things we can do to be building up and strengthening our spiritual houses?

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

1. Study the Bible Daily. How often do we study the Bible? Do we read it some everyday? With electronic advancements, it’s easier than ever to read the Bible. We can have it read to us as we drive. We can have entire copies of multiple translations within our pockets due to smart phones. The Bible is about us more than ever, but yet there is a dearth for the word of God. Amos 8:11, *“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.”*

We all need to examine ourselves and see if more time is spent on things that can be a deterrent to us than we spend with the Bible. Do we watch far more TV than reading the Bible. Is our FaceBook and other social media times much greater than time spent studying the word of God? We only have so much time per day. That cannot be changed, but we can change how much time we spend reading the Bible

2. Attend all worship services. We are commanded not to forsake the assembly (Hebrews 10:25). Why would we as children of God want to miss? When we miss a service that is one that can never be made up. We miss not only worshiping the LORD, but we miss out on the lessons. Perhaps that particular service something might have been said that would have really helped you and encouraged you.

Is our attendance so regular that when we are absent, people wonder if something is wrong? Or is our attendance so sporadic that no one notices when we miss? Attend every service possible. This will greatly help to build your spiritual house.

3. Supply yourself with the best building materials possible. By this I mean to surround yourself with people and situations that make your house spiritually stronger. No one would want to build a house

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Erin Davis, and Leon Seaton. Shirley Parson** suffered a stroke on Sunday morning and again on Monday morning. She is currently in rehabilitation in Horse Cave. She is expected to be home for a couple of days. She will then go back to Bowling Green for surgery on a blocked artery in her neck.

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with wood that is rotted, or use broken glass for windows. We want to use the best materials we can afford. The better materials make a better house.

We need to be around people that help strengthen us and not bring us down spiritually. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:33, “*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*” The American Standard Version translates this as “*Be not deceived, evil companionships corrupt good morals.*”

Not only be around people who are going to strengthen your spiritual house, but engage in activities that will not weaken you. Be very careful of movies, music, and television shows. Non-biblical morals are freely and openly presented in media. Stay close to activities that strengthen you and stay away from worldly things. Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:22, “*Abstain from all appearance of evil.*”

4. Pray to have a strong spiritual house. We need to pray constantly., not just when we feel a need arise. I Thessalonians 5:17, “*Pray without ceasing.*” We need to constantly pray to the LORD. When we are praying, we are not hearing or exposing ourselves to things that weaken us. We are building ourselves up. Jude verse 20, “*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.*”

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Sunday, December 16, 2018		
Classes	14	Hebrews 9:6-16
Preaching	17	John 20:1-30
Contribution	\$612.00	
Evening	14	Matthew 5:38-48
Wednesday, December 19, 2018		
Classes	15	I Chronicles 22:1-19

Dec 16 (AM) Avery, Audrey, & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)
 Visitors— Dec 16 (PM) Avery, Audrey, & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)
 Dec 19 (PM) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

David prepared abundantly before what?

Last Week’s Answer— Sheath (I Chronicles 21:27)

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We are continually building our spiritual house— the dwelling of God and the Holy Ghost. Let’s make it the best possible house with the best materials we possibly can.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)