

Building with Wisdom (Introduction)

1 Chronicles 28:1-10

God does not call any of us to build anything FOR Him; only WITH Him. Any desire on my part to build something FOR God just means I think too _____ of myself or too _____ of God. In either case, I need to rethink.

Discussion 1. Give an example of something you believe God has called on you to help build (a family, a church, a ministry, a business, etc.). For you, what do you think is the difference between building it FOR God and building it WITH God?

When it comes to inviting us to build something with Him, God is not impressed with our _____ nor our _____; likewise, our utter lack of those things does not bother Him. This should either encourage you or frighten you. Or both.

Discussion 2. Have you ever felt God calling you to something for which you lacked “qualifications” or experience? How did that tension resolve?

Whatever God has called us to do or to be, its spiritual significance and effectiveness will always and only be understood in the context of _____ with others seeking to know and to do God’s will.

Discussion 3. For you, how does Christian community help you to understand what God is saying to you or what He is calling you to do?

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways _____ him, and he will make straight your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Discussion 4. “Do not lean on your own understanding.” For you, when or where do you struggle the most with this counsel? What kinds of circumstances make it particularly difficult for you to NOT lean on your own understanding? What disciplines help you with that struggle?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?