UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Part 2

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l. Matt 16:13-19

- A. The Church is UNDER CONSTRUCTION! Jesus: "I will build My church"
 - 1. <u>Build</u> *oikodomeo* To be a house builder; to make or construct by combining materials or parts, to build up, strengthen or establish

B. 3 Key "Abilities" of Building the Church:

- 1. **Ability** "IN YOU" Individually
- 2. Availability "WITH YOU" Locally
- 3. Sustainability "BIGGER THAN YOU" Corporately

II. ABILITY - INDIVIDUALLY - "IN YOU"

- A. 1 Peter 4:10-11 Each one has received a gift supplied by God
 - <u>Ability</u> *ischus* Possession of the qualities required to do something or get something done; Exceptional capability, with the implication of personal potential; Strength, might, force, power
 - 2. Potential Existing in possibility: capable of development into actuality
 - 3. Potent Achieving or bringing about a particular result: Effective
 - a) ABILITY doesn't always mean ACHIEVEMENT!
- B. Matt 25:14-16 He gave to each according to his own ability
- C. Matt 25:25-30 I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground.
 - 1. Don't let "Excuses" rob you of the Potential of your Ability ("Ischus") that is in you!

III. AVAILABILITY - LOCALLY - "WITH OTHERS"

- A. Rom 12:3-6 We don't have the same function but we have gifts we need to use!
 - 1. **Available** Webster Present or ready for immediate use
 - 2. Acts 13:2 2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
 - 3. **Eph 4:12** 12 for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ,
 - 4. <u>1 Cor 15:58</u> 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, <u>always</u> <u>abounding in the work of the Lord</u>, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
 - 5. Are you AVAILABLE for God's use? Are you on the building crew? CREW UP!

IV. SUSTAINABILITY - Corporately - BIGGER THAN ME

- A. <u>1 Cor 3:9-15</u> You are God's building; Your reward is attached to the work that endures.
- B. <u>Sustainability</u> *Webster* Maintained at length without interruption or weakening; long lasting, keep up, continue
- C. Fellow workers sunergos Working or laboring together closely with someone
 - 1. sun union; with or together by association, companionship, process
 - 2. ergon To work or toil
- D. <u>Field</u> *georgion* Field that is actively being cultivated or tilled with emphasis on the involvement of the farmer. Not pasture land
- E. <u>Declare</u> dello To make known, plain, manifest; reveal
- F. <u>Test</u> *dokimazo* To try to learn the genuineness of something by examination and testing, often through actual use.

V. **APPLICATION**:

- A. What is IN ME that when combined WITH OTHERS produces something BIGGER THAN ME?
- B. Do you believe that God has given you ABILITY?
- C. Are you satisfied with POTENTIAL or do you desire to become POTENT?
- D. Are you AVAILABLE for the work God called you to with others?
- E. Are you a part of the CREW or are you a part of the CROWD?F. Does what you are building your life on have SUSTAINABILITY?

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