

“...sit down first
and count
the cost”



Luke 14:28

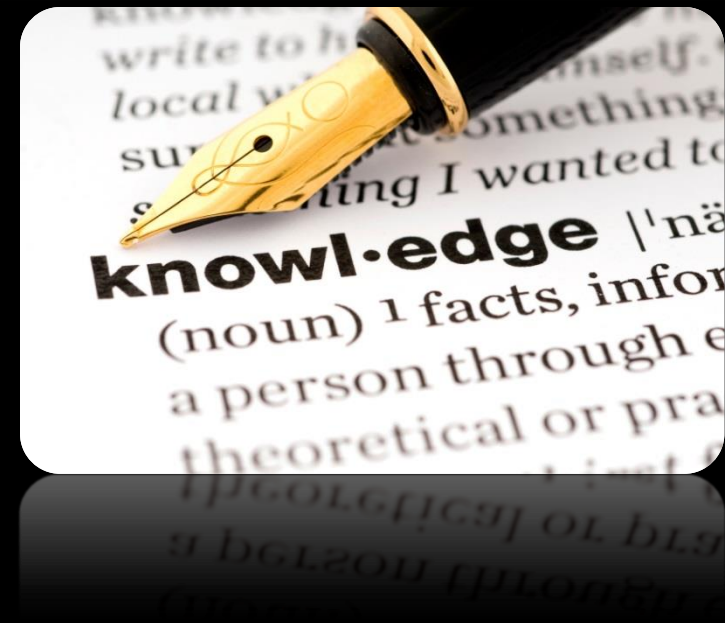
The Cost to Build

1. The Knowledge (Information)
2. The presence of God (Blessing)
3. The Seriousness (Cost)



1. The Knowledge ⁽¹⁾

- Knowing about what it takes to build or start something
- The credibility of the source of information
- The keenness to learn



1. The Knowledge ⁽²⁾

- The crucial relationship with the Holy Bible to learn from the Author Himself
- The importance of wise counsel



1. The Knowledge ⁽³⁾

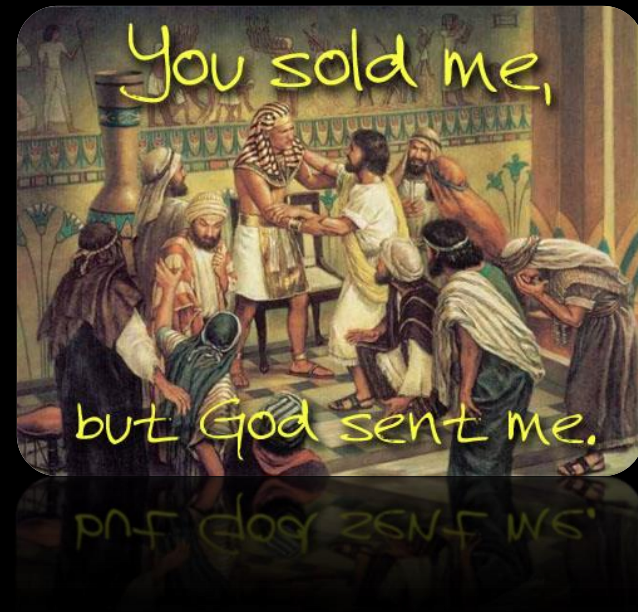
- Learning from the life of others
- Learning from personal experience
- The needed time to learn



2. The Presence of God ⁽¹⁾

- “The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did the Lord made it prosper”

Genesis 39:23



2. The Presence of God ⁽²⁾

- The fear of God and the beginning of wisdom
- If God is not welcome in our homes, our marriages, our choices, why do we assume His presence in our day-to-day matters?



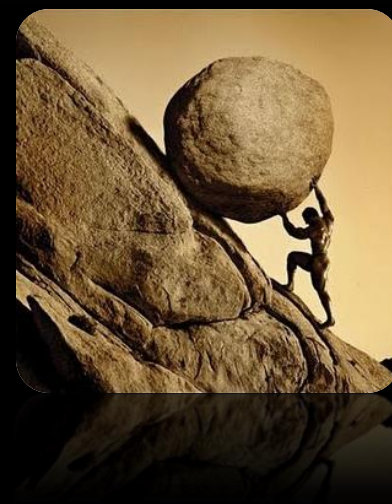
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- Honoring God, communicating with Him, and pursuing holiness, are the keys to His presence in our lives



3. The Seriousness

- It reflects the determination to start and finish: “lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him” *Luke 14:29*



The Elements of Seriousness ⁽¹⁾

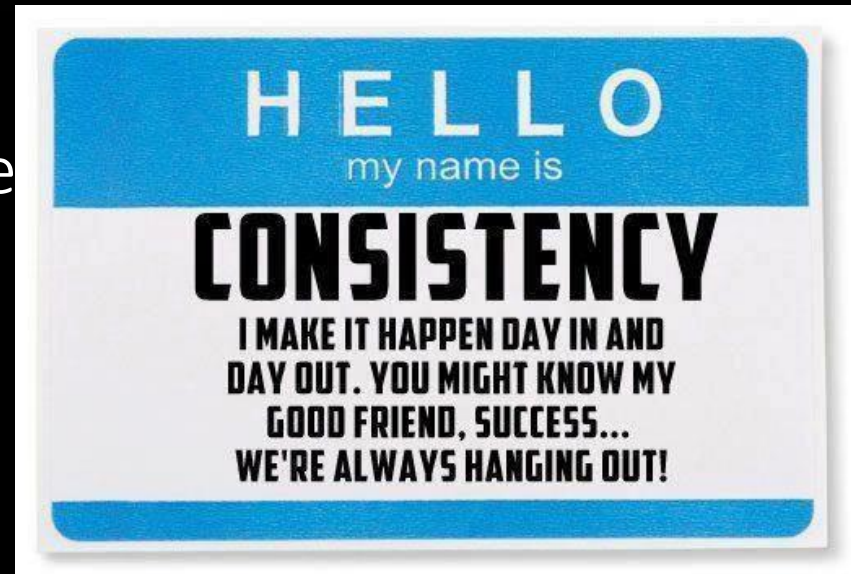
1. Forsaking and detachment: “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” *Luke 14:26*



The Elements of Seriousness (2)

2. Consistency: “And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers”

Acts 2:42



The Elements of Seriousness ⁽³⁾

3. Not to be led by feelings
4. Discipline and self-control: “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified” *1 Cor. 9:27*

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needs to be

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even when you don't want
to do it.

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The Elements of Seriousness ⁽⁴⁾

5. Stability:

- Clear goal
- Stable emotions

6. Organization:

- Everything is done in due season
- Watchfulness



The Elements Seriousness ⁽⁵⁾

7. Commitment
8. Circumspection:
 - In practices
 - In growth
 - In reviewing the plans
9. Responsibility

