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## Make God The Architect Of Your Life

It was a few years ago that I saw on the news about a pedestrian bridge in Miami that had collapsed and killed six people. They had built this fourteen-million-dollar bridge over two years and had opened it only five days before. It was said it could withstand the strongest hurricane and should last one hundred years, but no, it did not. It lasted five days before it crumbled onto the highway below it. The final report was that the construction was good, and the material was good, its fault lay in the design.

When this happened, I recalled when I met a man in Brazil who told me his history of being an architect. We were fellowshipping with a group of people after a church service, and I was quite astonished at his work. He humbly described one of his projects was in designing a very long bridge for vehicles to travel across some challenging terrain. I remember thinking, "Wow, that must cause incredible pressure on a person to have that responsibility." Can you imagine the trust you must have in your engineering skills to design a bridge that will cost millions of dollars? From your design on paper, you are actually trusting people's lives in your plan. He drew what was in his mind, and others built an actual bridge from it, and his bridge is still standing today.

In all construction, there are many important parts for success, such as materials used and the workers who build it, but perhaps the most critical piece is in the blueprint and design. If the plans aren't perfect, then what is being built will eventually fail even with the best materials. Another friend of mine who is an architect told me that many people will spend more money on a fridge than they do on paying someone to develop plans to build a new house. What shortsightedness that is to focus more on the building than actually planning.

If we can understand the value of the plans for a bridge or a house, then what about for something even more important, like your life? How valuable are you to Him? You and I are called to do so much more than just to serve God. He desires to take us step by step down His path for us. We have plans already designed for us by the Greatest Architect that there is, and He has spared no expense in His plans. I think that most understand that God has an eternal plan for the world and has desires that He wants the church to fulfill, but I believe that few really see that He has that same desire for our individual lives.

Our Heavenly Father believes in you so much that before you were even born, He made the effort to lay out a course for you and Him to walk down together. His greatest delight is in the intimacy developed between the two of you during your life together. It reads in Ephesians 2:10, "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*"

You'll discover that many people have their own plans for your success and, in their best intentions, attempt to maneuver you into those plans. Even your own flesh will pressure you with its desires and needs. But there is only one will that is important, and that is God's will for

you. *“There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the LORD’s counsel--that will stand.”* Proverbs 19:21. Jesus yielded to the will of God as did the apostle Paul, and I think we should as well see the importance of discovering what His plan is for me.

God places so much value on our specific blueprint that He also gave us a Helper to show us the details of our path each and every day. We all wish that God would deliver a private diary on our doorstep every morning. One that I can open to find exactly what my steps are for the day; a minute by minute instruction of His desires for me. Here is what He has given us to bring confidence that we are not just wandering through life doing good things but are walking hand in hand with Him, and His perfect will every moment of every day. It tells us in Romans 8:26-27, *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

I pray that we can really comprehend the importance of this scripture as it tells us how to see the will of God come forward in our very steps. The very plan that Our Heavenly Father placed together for you personally is waiting to be revealed from His mind into your life. When we pray in the Holy Spirit, we are actually laying out God’s plan like stepping stones before us. This is the place we can find the confidence that we won’t miss the mark. This is where we can discover personal notes from Him for us. If we desire God to be the Architect of lives, then here is the way to bring that plan forward into existence: by praying in tongues. His plan will not fail you, and you will not fall short as you walk down that path with Him.

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