

Message

**Building On A Solid
Foundation**



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What Do People Say You Are?

■ Hebrews 3:1-6

“...But Christ was faithful as a Son over His household. And we are that household, if we hold on to the courage and the confidence of our hope.”

Holman Christian Standard Bible

The Secure Foundation

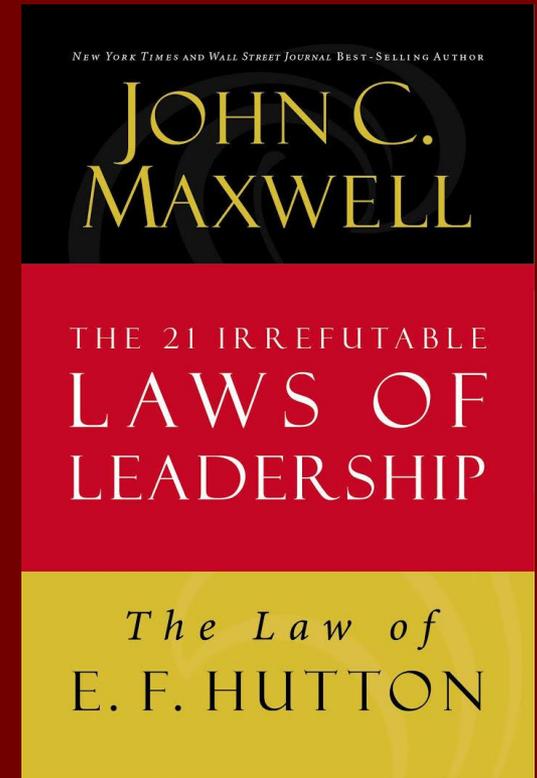
■ Isaiah 28:16-17

“Therefore the Lord GOD says this, “Listen carefully, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a tested Stone, A precious Cornerstone for the [secure] foundation, firmly placed. He who believes [who trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone] will not be disturbed or give way [in sudden panic]. “I will make justice the measuring line And righteousness the mason’s level; Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies And waters will flood over the secret [hiding] place..”

Amplified Bible

The Law of Solid Ground

- **The Law of Solid Ground: Trust is the foundation of leadership**
 - Consistently exemplify competence, connection and character
 - Character makes trust possible. Trust makes leadership possible



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“Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy.”



**- Norman Schwarzkopf
U.S. Army General**

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“You can’t get too much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good.”



**- Jerry West
NBA Hall of Fame**

What is Righteousness?



- ❖ **Acting in accord with divine or moral law; free from guilt or sin**
- ❖ **Morally right or justifiable**

What is Righteous Character?

- **Habitually, acting in accordance with divine or moral law.**
- **Consistently, acting in morally right or ways that are justified by divine or moral law.**



What Does The Bible Say About Our Character?

■ **Philippians 2:12-13**

- **Obedience in absence and presence**
- **Work Out Salvation / Fear & Trembling**
- **God is at work / Desire & Action**

■ **“...Work Out Your Salvation...”**

- **Work it out to the finish**
- **Salvation expresses itself in an ongoing process**

Our Name / Our Character

■ Proverbs 22:1

– Good Name's value is recognized

■ Proverbs 3:4; 10:17

– Similar to the value of wisdom

■ Proverbs 3:14; 16:16

■ "Name" translated from Hebrew word *"Sheem"*

– Designates something as a mark or memorial of individually.



“The only thing that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is the character of a man. This is true. What a man is, survives him. It can never be buried.”

- J.R. MILLER

Righteous Character / Fine Ointment

■ Ecclesiastes 7:1-8

– Fine ointment

- Medicine that combats illness of a carnal human mind / enmity against God (Romans 8:7)

■ Psalm 57:7

“Prepared is my heart, O God, Prepared is my heart, I sing and praise.” – Young’s Literal Translation

Light / Darkness & Our Character

■ Psalm 112:4-9

– Light in darkness

- Gracious / Compassionate / Righteous
- Affairs conducted with justice

– Steadfastness

■ Righteous remembered forever

* Enduring memorial of honor in
memory of God and man

* Trust and obedience sum of Godliness

Where is the “Light”?

■ Psalm 119:97-98, 101-102, 105-106, 111-112

- Commandments make us wise
- Restraint from evil
- Obedience
- God’s Word is a “light to our path”
- Resolve to obey His Righteousness
- Personal responsibility to incline ourselves to perform forever, even to the end

Where is the “Light”?

■ John 8:12

- Jesus Christ is the Light / Way
- Live our lives in consistency / Christians
- We reflect Jesus and are lights
 - * Pillar of fire lighted the Israelites way out of Egypt, day and night; Exodus 13:21

Where is the “Light”?

■ I John 1:6-10

- Light represents what is good, true and holy
- Darkness represents what is evil and false



The Holy Spirit / Helper and Our Character

■ John 14:16-17, 26

– The Holy Spirit / Helper teach all things and bring to our memory all.

■ Acts 19:1-6

– Repentance / Baptism / Receipt of the Holy Spirit

■ II Timothy 2:19-20

“But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity...”

Time for Judgment

■ I Peter 4:14-19

– Persecutions / Purification / Judgment



Time for Judgment

■ Matthew 7:24-27

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

English Standard Bible

Are We Building On A Solid Foundation?

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- Consistently exemplify competence, connection and character
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- Focus on developing:
 - 1.) Integrity
 - 2.) Authenticity
 - 3.) Discipline.

