

MODULE 2 LESSON 3

The Pattern

In this session I will:

- Illustrate the importance of building the church according to God's pattern
- Explain what the pattern is
- Show you how you can be part of building God an awesome Church

We must build according to the pattern

The Church belongs to Jesus and He has a specific plan, blueprint or pattern for it. If we build according to the pattern then we will be successful. If, however, we deviate from His plan, we will run into trouble.



 Psalm 127:1 (NIV) Unless the _____ builds the

_____ its builders labour in vain.

 Exodus 25:9 (NIV) Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings

_____ like the _____ I will show you.

 Matthew 16:18 (NKJV) ... I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

WHY DO WE NEED LEADERSHIP STRUCTURES?



- How would a rugby team get on without a captain and coach?
- How would an army get on without any one in charge?
- How do families cope when parents don't take their position of parental authority?
- What would happen to a Church if it has no Godly leadership structure?

What is the pattern = The chief cornerstone

 Mark 12:10 (NKJV) Have you not even read this Scripture: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone'.

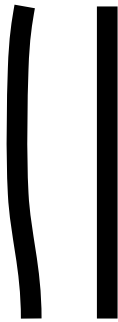
 Ephesians 2:19-20 (NKJV) ... the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone...

Who is the Chief Cornerstone of the House of God?

A chief cornerstone is "the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation; important since all other stones will be set in reference to this stone."¹ Jesus is called the chief cornerstone because He was the first one set in the foundation of the church.
He is our point of reference and example in all things.

¹ Wikipedia (2007). Available online: <http://en.wikipedia.org>

Straight stick crooked stick illustration



A crooked stick looks pretty straight until it is compared with a straight stick.

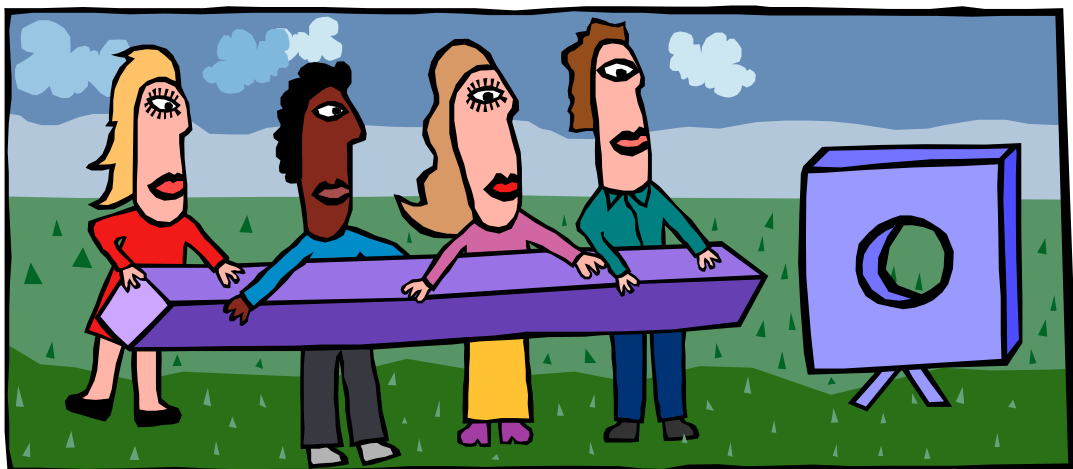
Jesus is our straight stick and point of reference.

He is the one that we compare ourselves against.

In like manner we must build the Church according to the straight stick of His pattern and not the crooked stick of man's opinions.

ROUND PEGS DON'T FIT IN SQUARE HOLES

- In a hospital what would happen if the brain surgeon took over doing the tea lady's job and the tea lady took over the brain surgery?
- In order for any organization to function and operate effectively and to reach its full potential it needs to place the people with the right abilities and gifting into the right places.



God created you with unique gifts and abilities that He wants to be developed so that you can use them to make a difference in this world.

📖 Romans 12:4-6 (NKJV) For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

The Church is made up of _____ with many

_____ functions and God-given _____.

Although every _____ has an equal _____ before God, not all members have the same _____ before God.

The foundational ministries



📖 Ephesians 2:19-20 (NKJV) ... the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone...

These are the foundational leadership ministries needed to build the Church according to the pattern that God has given us in the Bible.

📖 1 Corinthians 12:28 (NIV) And in the Church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

📖 1 Corinthians 12:28 (NKJV) And God has appointed these in the Church: first _____, second _____, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Other leadership roles in the House

📖 Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV) It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

It was He who gave some to be _____ some to be _____
_____ some to be _____, and some to be _____
_____ and _____

These people are Jesus' gifts to His Church.

Why?

To _____ for _____

The role of the five-fold ministry is to help us to grow up and develop our life-gift. They are God's gifts to His Church to help us become successful and to use our gifts through the Church to make a difference in the world.

Apostle means = **SENT ONE BY GOD.**

Prophet means = **FORE TELLER OF FUTURE EVENTS.**

Evangelist means = **BEARER OF GOOD NEWS.**

Pastor means = **SHEPHERD.**

Teacher means = **INSTRUCTOR.**

The Apostle has the God-given ability to break through and set things in order. Like the thumb on a hand which can touch all four fingers, apostles are capable of doing the other four ministries also.

The Apostle and Prophet _____ the Church

The Pastor and Teacher _____ the Church

The Evangelist sows _____ to the unsaved

- For years the Church has generally been led by well-meaning pastors and teachers. Although they have done a great job of bringing the Church to its present level, the Church is still far short of reaching its full maturity.
- This is because the Church requires the 5-fold ministries of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher to bring the Church to full maturity.
- God is raising up and releasing the ministry of the apostle and prophet back into the Church to help the evangelist, pastor and teacher complete the job of equipping and maturing the Church in our day.

The building material of the Church...



The House is made up of living people, not dead bricks!

 1 Peter 2:5 (NKJV) ...you also, as _____, are
being built up a spiritual _____

The building is not the Church: the people are the Church.

Your life is the building material of the House

Your life is part of the Church that Jesus is building in the earth at this time in history.

I am the _____ of the _____.

The quality of any building is determined by the quality of the building material. If the building material is unsound, then the building will be unsound. You are the building material of this Church. This means that the quality of this Church will be determined by the quality of your life.

What type of Church do you want to be part of?

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| ☐ Loving | ☐ Selfish |
| ☐ Mean | ☐ Generous |
| ☐ Forgiving | ☐ Critical |
| ☐ United | ☐ Divided |
| ☐ Lazy | ☐ Committed |
| ☐ Cold | ☐ Hospitable |
| ☐ Passionate | ☐ Lukewarm |

- ❖ If you and I want to be part of a Church like this then you I have a responsibility to live like this.
- ❖ The Church is only as loving as the people in the Church.
- ❖ Therefore as members of the Church we all have the personal responsibility to make sure we are sharing the love of God with all inside and outside the Church.
- ❖ Let's make House of Breakthrough the most loving impacting and caring Church in the history of Tairawhiti.