



God has given me unique gifts as a skilled master builder who lays a good foundation. Afterward another craftsman comes and builds on it. So builders beware! Let every builder do his work carefully, according to God's standards. **1 Corinthians 3:10**

5 ESSENTIAL ACTIONS TO TAKE BEFORE BUILDING YOUR HOUSE

1. _____.

Through [skillful and godly] wisdom a house [a life, a home, a family] is built. And by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation]. ⁴And by knowledge its rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. **Proverbs 24:3, 4** (Amp)

Wisdom is the most important thing; so get wisdom. If it costs everything you have, get understanding. **Proverbs 8:11** (NCV)

- I can choose based on _____. (feelings)

Being excited about something is not enough. You must also know what you are doing. Don't rush into something, or you might do it wrong.

Proverbs 19:2 (ERV)

- I can choose based on _____. (experience)

He settled the...families of Israel peaceably in their tents. ⁵⁶Even after all this, they disobeyed...God...and did not live by His commands.⁵⁷ Rather, they regressed to their fathers' ways and lived faithlessly...They were as...untrustworthy as a defective bow. **Psalms 78:55-57** (VOICE)

- I can choose based on _____. (faith)

The LORD gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth. **Proverbs 2:6** (NIrV)

2. _____.

Don't follow me without considering what it will cost you. For who would construct a house before first sitting down to estimate the cost to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise he may lay the foundation and not be able to finish. The neighbors will ridicule him, saying, ³⁰ 'Look at him! He started to build but couldn't complete it!' **Luke 14:28-30**

- Both the _____ and the _____ will pay a price for building.

- **THREE COST COUNTING QUESTIONS TO ASK:**

- How _____ will I pay?
- How _____ will I pay?
- Who _____ will pay?

3. _____.

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders work for nothing. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the men who watch stay awake for nothing. **Psalms 127:1** (NLV)

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **Hebrews 11:10** (NIV)

Those people who are listening to Me, those people who hear what I say and live according to My teachings—you are like a wise man who built his house on a rock, on a firm foundation. **Matthew 7:24** (VOICE)

4. _____.

Listen to your leaders, who have spoken God's word to you. Notice the fruits of their lives and mirror their faith. **Hebrews 13:7** (VOICE)

It's better to be wise than strong; intelligence outranks muscle any day. ⁶ Strategic planning is the key to warfare; to win, you need a lot of good counsel. **Proverbs 24:5-6** (NCV)

5. _____.

Wise people act with knowledge... **Proverbs 13:16** (NIrV)

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them hard." They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. ⁴ They said, "Come, let's build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the earth." ⁵ Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. **Genesis 11:3-6** (CEB)