

In our previous lesson, we explored the foundation of Christianity — that Jesus Christ Himself is the cornerstone. Scripture calls Him the chief cornerstone, the rock upon which the entire spiritual building rests. Without Him, there is no true Christianity. He is the foundation of our faith and the author and perfecter of our salvation (Hebrews 12:2)

“Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.”

— Psalm 118:22; Acts 4:11 (ESV)

Like any solid structure, once the foundation is laid, pillars must be raised to support and stabilize the building. These pillars uphold the whole spiritual house, allowing it to stand firm through storms.

As a Christian, after establishing Jesus as your foundation, you must build up the seven pillars that form the framework of your spiritual life.

## **1. LOVE**

Love is the foremost pillar because God is love (1 John 4:8). Christian

love (agape) is unconditional, self-sacrificing, and transcends human affection. It reflects God's own nature — a love that chooses to give, bless, and forgive even those who oppose us.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

1 Corinthians 13:1 (ESV)

This love is the essence of the Christian life. It is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and the mark by which the world recognizes Christ's followers (John 13:35). Without love, all other works are empty.

## **2. PRAYER**

Prayer is the believer's direct line of communication with God — essential for spiritual vitality. It's through prayer that we cultivate intimacy with God, receive guidance, intercede for others, and gain strength to endure trials.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2 (ESV)

Jesus modeled a life of prayer (Luke 5:16), teaching us to pray persistently and with faith (Luke 18:1-8). The apostles likewise emphasized prayer as foundational to the church’s life and mission.

### **3. THE WORD (Scripture)**

God’s Word is living and active (Hebrews 4:12) — the means by which we are nourished, corrected, and equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Immersion in Scripture forms the spiritual backbone for discerning God’s will and growing in Christ.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

A healthy Christian life depends on regular engagement with the Bible, which reveals God's redemptive plan from Genesis to Revelation.

#### **4. FELLOWSHIP**

Christianity is not a solo journey. God designed us for community, where believers encourage, correct, and strengthen one another through the Spirit's unity.

Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.

Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)

The early church exemplified this, gathering constantly for teaching, breaking bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). Fellowship guards against isolation, discouragement, and error, while fostering love and accountability.

## 5. HOLINESS

Holiness is both God's nature and His call for His people. The believer is set apart — sanctified — to reflect God's character in word and deed.

But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (ESV)

The Christian life is a call to ongoing sanctification, empowered by the Holy Spirit, enabling us to overcome sin and grow in Christlikeness.

## 6. EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the natural overflow of salvation — the command and joy of sharing the gospel. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is central to the Christian mission, emphasizing disciple-making as the church's purpose.

Those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

Acts 8:4 (ESV)

Every believer is called to be a witness, empowered by the Spirit (Acts 1:8), to bring others into the kingdom.

## **7. GIVING**

God is the ultimate giver, freely bestowing grace and salvation. Christians imitate God by giving generously, supporting ministry, and caring for those in need.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

Giving is an act of worship and trust, acknowledging God's provision and participating in His work on earth.

### **In Summary:**

If we faithfully build our spiritual lives on these seven pillars — love, prayer, Scripture, fellowship, holiness, evangelism, and giving — our faith will be like a well-built house, standing firm against every storm.

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24 (ESV)

May your faith be strong and your life glorify God until the day Jesus Christ returns.

**God bless you.**

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