

## **ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE**

*“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...”* **Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22**  
(NKJV)



### ***This Week’s Thought – July 9, 2017***

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*“Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits.”* Psalm 103:2 (NKJV)

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Sometimes it's easier to keep a record of wrongs instead of a record of rights. Indeed, we need to think on those things we are blessed to experience and not obsess over stress. Our seeing effects our being. Our perspective can be a poison or an antidote to our pain. The eyes of faith remember what matters most. Thus we see the blessing of financial margin, not the stress of following a spending plan. We see a friend who cares, not the stress of a difficult conversation. We see God’s protection from a car accident, not the stress of delayed traffic. **We are too blessed to stress!**

Praise the Lord for His benefits: forgiveness of our sins, physical energy, spiritual stamina, relational fulfillment, vocational purpose, the opportunity to serve and a free country. The benefit package for followers of Jesus is ridiculously generous: abundant life, eternal life, a fruitful life and a meaningful life. Love, joy, peace, hope, humility and thankfulness are all the fruit of being filled by the Holy Spirit. Even in our suffering we are blessed to be God’s child. He chose us to glorify Himself during our difficult days. We are too blessed to stress for our Savior gives us rest.

*“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.”* (Psalm 77:11)

Are you able to see the Lord at work around you? Perhaps you write down or dictate on your phone what you observe each day related to God’s faithfulness. A child’s hug, a senior adult’s smile, *a Christ-centered church*, a supportive family, a caring community or a friend’s phone call. Review your daily blessings over dinner with those you love. Recounting God’s favor brings hope and encouragement to those around you.

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You are too blessed to stress over the little stuff. God’s benefits are too many to count. Like grains of sand they blanket the beach of our being. We trust God, for **we are too blessed to stress!**

*“Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.” (Psalm 78:7)*

**Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, with everything inside of me I say ‘I believe and trust in You!’ My faith is strong as I move forward in my life with a total reliance on You. I will not falter and I will not fail for You are with me. I believe in Your power of absolute good working on my behalf at all times. I trust in You through any change I go through. I trust in You through any seeming loss. I trust that whenever anything is eliminated from my life it is a prelude to better good. I stand in faith by letting go of the old and waiting with open arms and mind for my good as I submit to You as the gardener over the grounds of my life. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”**

*“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)*

Yours in Christ, Pastor King