

Strengthening Our Foundations

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:4-28

NKJV

⁵ Build houses and dwell *in them*; plant gardens and eat their fruit. ⁶ Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished. ⁷ And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NKJV

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your
God with all your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your strength.

James 2 NKJV

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without [your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

**We measure what can be
measured, but what can be
measured does not matter, what
really matters cannot be
measured.**

**The tyranny of metrics –
Jerry Muller**

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Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence'

Colossians 1:27 NKJV

²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ **To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Colossians 3:1 Phillips

‘If you are then “risen” with Christ, reach out for the highest gifts of Heaven, where your master reigns in power. Give your heart to the heavenly things, not to the passing things of earth’

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