

## Conceiver? Builder?

*Which are you? BISHOP EDDIE L. LONG ignites fire into these and other pressing questions in this teaching on the Biblical principle of generational transfer.*

We are all going after what the Lord promised. But we must remember that destiny is a cycle of conceiving and building. If all of us write a Strategic Life Plan and it doesn't go into the next generation, we've labored in vain. One generation conceives, and the next generation builds. Take a look at 1 Kings 8: 17-19...

*"Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the Lord God of Israel. But the Lord said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart. Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.'"*

David got the wealth to build the temple. He conceived it; but God wouldn't allow him to build it. It wasn't his assignment. His assignment was to get it started so that it would be paid for. Solomon then came forth and built the temple.

You are a generation that is conceiving. You are laying a foundation. We should all aim to put ourselves in a good financial family situation because what we're doing is conceiving something that the next generation will have the opportunity to build upon. The builder must receive the dream from the conceiver, lest he will seek to conceive when he has been ordained of God to build. You can be in the wrong vein. Are you trying to build when you're supposed to be conceiving? Solomon defines success in terms of succession, not origination. There's a disconnect in every generation where people are trying to figure out what they're going to do and what they are supposed to be; they have no understanding that their lives are connected to generations that came and generations that will come after.

### ***What's your formula?***

In the first generation, there were fathers (Abraham) and they were formulating something. In the second generation (Isaac), the sons demonstrate what the father formulated; and in the third generation (Jacob), sons authenticate... "I'm going to show you that what my grandfather started and what my father demonstrated is authentic and real. It is no fluke."

Formulate, systematize—that's what you're doing. You must get a formula in your mind that is Biblical about finance, marriage, your health, all of these things of life...get it so ingrained in you that when the next generation comes, they demonstrate what's formulated. The reason we're so messed up is because we have forefathers who formulated stuff that wasn't based on the Word of God, and now we're sitting under what we call generational curses, but it's a mindset that needs to be destroyed. You are demonstrating what isn't of God. God isn't broke, sick, depressed, worried; we're demonstrating the wrong thing. So somebody in your bloodline must establish a foundation and then put a burden on a son and a daughter to demonstrate what's been formulated.

***Something bigger...***

And it doesn't matter if you don't have biological children. Any child you see, adopt them, or make them your spiritual son or daughter so you can feed into them and tie them into something that's connected with something being formulated. We need to create an expectation of the future in them; we need to give our children a vision of something bigger than themselves.

Generational transfer starts with a vision. Our responsibility is to find our position in God and not just assume that we are to conceive or build or do both. We are only to do what God has ordained for us to do, which includes preparing the coming generation for the remains. *The foundational premise of God in everything is generational.*

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**Generational transfer starts with a vision. Make your minutes matter; stay with your Strategic Life Plan.**