



# BIBLE NUGGETS

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### THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH

- Pastor Bob Herriman -

*"Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong.  
It is knowing the difference between right and almost right."*

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon -

#### What The Church Is Not:

We need to be reminded of what the church actually is. The church is not a theatre. The church is not an entertainment center. The church is not a sports center. The church is not a kitchen or a coffee house. The Bible tells us the church is "the pillar and ground of the truth." "... that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15).

#### The Pillar And Ground:

Let's think about those two words. The "*pillar*" and the "*ground*." A pillar holds something up. Would you agree that is its purpose? The Greek word for "*pillar*" is "*stylos*," which means support. If you build a roof over your head, you need more than one "*pillar*" for support and a foundation; solid "*ground*" to hold up the pillars. It means you need a solid place to build. And, you need a solid structure for the building.

#### The Pillars In The Church:

It is not the ornate and beautiful craftsmanship that adorns some of the cathedrals of Christianity. It is the people who provide the spiritual support you need in your life. Remember, the church is made up of people. We are the "*living stones*" (1 Peter 2:4-5). The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is the Rock (ground). The apostles and prophets are the foundation. We are part of the building. When we become established in the Word of God, we will become a "*pillar*." We will be providing spiritual support to other Christians in the church. In a strong building, the pillars are the structure or framework that support the building. These pillars need to be built on solid ground, and need to be strong, because without them the building would fall.

## **Spiritual Pillars:**

“And when **James, Cephas, and John**, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision” (Galatians 2:9). “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, ...” (Revelation 3:12).

## **Spiritual Pillars Support The Weak:**

“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please themselves” (Romans 15:1). These are people who are trustworthy, and you can depend on them. They will minister to weaker Christians and help to hold them up, when they are facing the temptations and trials of life. This is the “spiritual support” which the church provides. Remember, God works through the people. The church is people. The church is Christ (the ground), and His people (pillars) who will always hold forth the truth of the Word of God. This is how the church provides spiritual “support.”

## **We Are God’s Building:**

Some people will say that all they need is Jesus, and while that is certainly true for your salvation, you need other people in your Christian life. You need the fellowship of Christians also. You need the preaching and teaching of God’s Word. You need to be in church. “For we are laborers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building” (1 Corinthians 3:9).

## **The Parable of Two Houses:**

Remember the parable of the wise man and the foolish man? The wise man built his house upon the rock with a foundation, while the foolish man built on sand (Luke 6:47-49). Both houses looked equally good until the storm came. The storm revealed what the house was built on. Storms always do that. We go through all kinds of storms in our lives. The house built on the rock was not exempt from the storm. Being a child of God does not exempt you from the storms of life. However, being a child of God means you have a foundation for your life that will cause you to be able to endure the storms. People without Christ don’t have that foundation. Remember, the church is built upon the Rock, who is the Lord Jesus Himself. He is the ground.

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