Building Without A Permit

**Reading - 1 Chronicles 17:1-12**

***[James 1:27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.***

***[John 14:18] “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.***

Context- Context – Context! ***[James 2:14-18] What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?  [15] If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,  [16] and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?  [17] So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. [18] But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.***

***[James 5:13-14 & 19-20] Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.  [14] Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church… [19] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,  [20] let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.***

### Right in principle; Wrong in practice

The desire to honor God is right, but when the practice is questionable it ceases to be honor. ***(2 Chronicles 6:8-9) "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. {9} 'Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.'***

God would not be pleased with a modern-day Robin Hood who robs a Savings & Loan and gives to the homeless. ***(Ephesians 4:28) Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.***

God’s plans and doing it God’s way are just as important as having the right attitude and zeal. ***(Romans 10:1-3) Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. {2} For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. {3} For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.***