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**Don't Build Without God**  
**Genesis 11:1-9**  
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According to the text, Nimrod and a group of men were seemingly aware of what they wanted to do when it came to building a tower of their own design. They were convinced that making a name for themselves was critical to their survival. However when we build without God the project will become temporary and not permanent.

We have great technological advancement that allows us to do miraculous things in this the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but it seems with all the advancements we have in technology and innovation, what we create and build is without kingdom building in mind.

If we are to be successful in using the technology and innovation that God has provided us, when we build, we must:

**1. Always build according to plans**

There must be a plan if a building project is going to be successful. But if we build without God, mistakes will be made.

- A. They started with the wrong interest. Nimrod and his followers started their building campaign without God in mind. "Let us make a name for ourselves."
- B. They started with the wrong ingredients. Nimrod and his followers tried to make it to heaven with only brick and mortar. Brick and mortar cannot lead and guide you into all truth.
- C. They had the wrong insight. Any insight that does not come from God will lead to darkness. The men building the tower talked to one another but they did not talk to God.
- D. They wanted to stay to themselves. We are made to be interdependent on one another. No one is an island unto themselves. When we begin to believe that we can go it alone, we walk in darkness because none of us can do anything apart from God.
- E. The wrong individual controlled them. Nimrod their leader was powerful but he was also evil. God was not in the plan because of the evil presented by Nimrod. Good and evil, darkness and light, right and wrong will always line up on opposites sides of an equation. When we find ourselves on the wrong side of God, we are in trouble.

**2. Build according to code.**

They did not build according to code. God was not involved in the planning and God was not consulted about what they wanted to do. This is why the plan ultimately failed.

**3. Build with a view toward inspection.**

God was not in the plan so God would not approve what was being built. Instead, God confused their language and scattered the people across the land. The very thing they were trying to avoid occurred because they tried to build without God.