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## This Old Temple: The Upgrades You Want



*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? (1 Cor. 6.19)*

With Spring on its way, you may want to consider some upgrades to the Temple of God. Oh yes, do I need to remind you, you are the Temple of God.

Spring is a perfect time for upgrades; especially with Easter just around the corner. Historically this was the time in the church when new converts would prepare for the cleansing baptism waters as well as a time of training in the Christian faith. With new life popping up all around us, it is a great time for an upgrade of the Temple.

Where do we start?

**First Step: Don't Ditch Your Old Stuff.** Have you ever noticed all the new-fangled ideas for upgrading your Temple, which usually consists of tearing down the old? Actually, this is not needed. God built your Temple to last for eternity with a few small adjustments along the way. Certainly, there comes a time when the old Temple isn't conducive for new styles of worship, but whoever said you had to completely renovate the old Temple? Instead, learn how to make those small adjustments that will serve as a workbench for supporting some of those new contemporary models that come along the way. As one craftsman said, "...strive to excel in them (your gift) for building up the church" (1 Corinthians 14. 12).

**Second Step: Think Inside The Box.** Keep in mind you are the backbone of the Temple: the stronger the better. When the Master Carpenter said, "*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church*" (Matthew 16. 18), he was not only speaking of Peter, but he was talking of you and me. We are all the building blocks for the Temple; we are dovetailed and glued together to give strength and continuity to God's Temple. This is really important to understand as you plan your upgrades. The strength of the Temple is found in the Temple where the Holy Spirit resides. You and your church family are the Temple of God.

**Third Step: Choose The Right Fixtures.** Have you ever walked into a Temple where there were no fixtures? This can really take away the beauty of your Temple. Fixtures are really important. Consider adding a fruitwood like Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). All of these fixtures can really brighten up the Temple and make it look inviting.

All in all, these are some excellent steps when considering your upgrades. For best results, don't forget to refer to your manual, the Holy Bible. You can easily purchase them at a local bookstore or find them in your local Temple.

Easter Blessings,  
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