

## SERMON NOTES

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Jenga: Tower Builders Beware

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*Genesis 1:28a*

*And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth..."*

*Genesis 6:5*

*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

*Genesis 8:21b*

*... for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth.*

*Genesis 9:1*

*And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."*

*Genesis 10:31*

*These are the sons of Shem, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.*

*Genesis 10:32*

*These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.*

*Genesis 11:1-3*

*Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.*

*Proverbs 13:4*

*The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.*

*Proverbs 16:3*

*Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.*

*Genesis 11:4-8*

*Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.*

*Proverbs 16:18*

*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

*"...a tiny tower, conceived by a puny plan and attempted by a pint-sized people." - Kenneth Matthews*

*Psalm 2:4*

*He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.*

*Genesis 11:8-9*

*So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.*

**Are you a tower builder?**

**Most of your talking is about yourself.**

*Proverbs 27:2*

*Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.*

**You talk too much.**

*Proverbs 10:19*

*When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.*

**You have difficulty handling criticism.**

*Proverbs 13:1*

*A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.*

**You have difficulty admitting you are wrong.**

*Proverbs 10:17*

*Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.*

**You are not very teachable.**

*Proverbs 19:20*

*Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.*

**You are consumed with what others think.**

*Galatians 1:10*

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

**You have an inflated view of your importance, gift or abilities.**

*1 Corinthians 4:7*

*For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?*

**Two actions to take:**

**Repent and tear down your own tower.**

*1 John 1:9*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Be assured that God loves you no matter what.**

*Philippians 1:6*

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*