

Wright Ch. 13: Questions for Write-Around

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building for the kingdom

- humans reflect God's image + try to help God's kingdom
- doing good in God's world / helping others
- spreading God's gospel message to the world
- Although it's random helping endangered species is a good thing we do for the kingdom

building the kingdom

- God builds his own kingdom
- God builds God's kingdom
- humans can't build God's kingdom
- God builds his kingdom by himself
- The kingdom of God is created by God.

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Building the Kingdom

(~~the~~ since it all starts w/God)

- Spreading the gospel so more people will get the opportunity to live in the kingdom of God

↳ "He has entrusted us to act as his Stewards in the project of creation." Wright page 207

- Doing good in the world/helping others in need.

↳ "Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness...

...every deed that spreads the gospel, builds up the church, embraces and embodies holiness rather than corruption, and makes the name of Jesus honored in the world" (page 208)

Building for the Kingdom, 1 Corinthians 15:58 it says,

Nice! "what you do in the Lord is not in vain. You are not oiling the wheels of a machine that's about to roll over a cliff. You are not restoring a great painting... You are... the resurrection itself - accomplishing something that will become in due course part of God's new world."

◦ building the Kingdom is seen as just laying the foundation, not having in mind how structures might help or hurt the Kingdom. Building for the Kingdom is seeing and knowing how to ~~best~~ build the Kingdom up and make it as good as it can be. how can we build to flourish this Kingdom.

On page 208 Wright says the church builds for the Kingdom. Building for the Kingdom is knowing we are not perfect but we can strive to be and doing all we can to make the Kingdom as good as possible and be acceptable to God and his people.

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