

Following The Divine Pattern

Heb.8:5

- The Ark
- The Tabernacle
- Worship
- The Lord's Church
- Life

The lesson is entitled, “**Following The Divine Pattern**”.

There is a Need for **Patterns** and **Blueprints**,
so one can **ACCURATELY** Follow, or Produce an **EXACT** Re-production.

THANKFULLY, God has **GIVEN** us spiritual **PATTERNS** to **FOLLOW**.

- “Hold fast the **PATTERN** of sound WORDS, which you have **HEARD** from me, in **FAITH** and **LOVE**, which are **IN** Christ Jesus.” (Paul said in [2Tim.1:13](#) - NKJV)

Therefore, the New Testament **Pattern** on **ANY** subject, ...is **EVERYTHING** the **N.T. Teaches**, on that **SUBJECT**. Our Pattern Book, the Bible, is perfect, and there should be **NO** alternations of it.

- “**ALL** scripture is **GIVEN** by inspiration of God (or God breathed), and **IS** profitable **FOR** doctrine, **FOR** reproof, **FOR** correction, **FOR** instruction **IN** **RIGHTEOUSNESS**:¹⁷ that the man of God may be **PERFECT** (that is, complete), thoroughly **FURNISHED** unto **ALL** good works.” ([2Tim.3:16-17](#))
- “And whatsoever ye **DO** in **WORD** (that is, Teaching) or **DEED** (that is, Practice), **DO** all in the **NAME** of the Lord Jesus (that is, by His authority), giving **THANKS** to God and the Father by him.” ([Col.3:17](#))
- “If any man **SPEAK**, let him speak **AS** the oracles of God;” ([1Pet.4:11](#))
That is, speak **AS**, the **ACTUAL** or **LITERAL** Words of God.

Notice that God Gave The **PATTERN** for,

I. The Ark

A. Instructions were plain.

Turn your Bibles to [Gen.6:13-21](#), where we’ll begin our reading from...

- “God said unto Noah, The **END** of **ALL FLESH** is **COME** before **Me**;
for the earth is **FILLED** with **VIOLENCE** through them; and, behold, I will **DESTROY** them with the earth.
¹⁴ Make thee an **ARK** of gopher wood; **ROOMS** shalt thou make in the ark,
and shalt **PITCH** it within and without with **PITCH**.
¹⁵ And this is the **FASHION** which thou shalt **MAKE** it of:
The length of the ark shall be **three hundred** cubits,
the breadth of it **fifty** cubits, and the height of it **thirty** cubits.
¹⁶ **A WINDOW** shalt thou make to the ark, and in a **CUBIT** shalt thou finish it **ABOVE**;
and the **DOOR** of the ark, shalt thou set in the **SIDE** thereof;
with **lower**, **second**, and **third** stories shalt thou **MAKE** it.

¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a **FLOOD** of waters upon the earth, to **DESTROY ALL FLESH**, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and **EVERY THING** that is in the earth shall **DIE**.

¹⁸ **BUT** with thee, will I **ESTABLISH** My covenant; and thou shalt **COME** into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee.

¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, **TWO** of every **SORT** shalt thou bring **INTO** the **ARK**, to **KEEP** them **ALIVE** with thee; they shall be **MALE** and **FEMALE**. ²⁰ **Of** fowls after their **KIND**, and **OF** cattle after their **KIND**, of every creeping thing of the earth after his **KIND**, **TWO** of every **SORT** shall **COME** unto thee, to **KEEP** them **ALIVE**.

²¹ And **TAKE** thou unto thee of all **FOOD** that is eaten, and thou shalt **GATHER** it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.” ([Gen.6:13-21](#))

The **MATERIAL**: Gopher wood, Rooms and pitch, was The **PATTERN**!
The **SIZE**: 300 cubits x 50 cubits x 30 cubits (OR 450' x 75' x 45'), was the **PATTERN**!

B. Noah was Careful to Follow the Details, of God's Pattern

The Bible says,

- "Thus **DID** Noah; according to **ALL** that God **COMMANDED** him, so **DID** he." ([Gen.6:22](#))

IF Noah didn't follow God's pattern, would the ark have floated, such as with Pine wood, and 2 windows, instead of one, etc.);

- "Samuel said, **Hath** the Lord, **AS** great **DELIGHT** in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **AS** in **OBEYING** the **VOICE** of the **Lord** ?
Behold, to **OBEY** is **BETTER** than sacrifice,
and to **HEARKEN**, than the fat of rams." ([1Sam.15:22](#))
- "There is **A WAY** (that is, a singular way), which **SEEMETH** right unto a man, but the end thereof are the **WAYS** (plural ways) of **DEATH**." ([Prov.14:12](#))

There are many ways of death,
but it only takes one of those ways, to get us where we don't want to go.

And so, the necessity of "Following the Divine Pattern".

According to the Divine Pattern,

II. The Tabernacle Was Built

A. The Pattern was given in [Exodus chapters 25-31](#)

...The Foundation, materials, dimensions, etc.

B. Moses was Told Precisely What and How

Notice these few passages.

- "let them **MAKE** Me a sanctuary; that I may **DWELL** among them.
⁹ **ACCORDING** to all that I shew thee, **AFTER** the **PATTERN** of the tabernacle, and the **PATTERN** of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye **MAKE** it." ([Ex.25:8-9](#))
- "**LOOK** that thou **MAKE** them **AFTER** their **PATTERN**, which was shewed thee in the mount." ([Ex.25:40](#))

The Bible says in [Heb.8:5](#),

- "...Moses was admonished of God, when he was about to **MAKE** the tabernacle: for, See, saith He, that thou **MAKE ALL THINGS** according to the **PATTERN** shewed to thee in the mount."

C. The Israelites Observed the God Given Directive

Only as each rule was observed and obeyed, could they say the Pattern was Followed

- [Ex.40:34-35](#) reads, "a cloud covered the **TENT** of the congregation, and the **GLORY** of the Lord **FILLED** the tabernacle.
³⁵ And Moses was **NOT ABLE** to enter into the **TENT** of the congregation, **BECAUSE** the cloud abode thereon, and the **GLORY** of the Lord **FILLED** the tabernacle." ([Ex.40:34-35](#))

III. Worship Is Established

Notice,

A. How Josiah Re-established the True Old Testament Worship (2Kgs. Ch.21, 22, 23)

- [2Kgs.21:1-3](#) reads, "**Manasseh** was **twelve years old** when he began to **REIGN**, and **REIGNED** fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Heph-zi-bah.
² And he **DID** that which was **EVIL** in the sight of the **Lord**, **AFTER** the abominations of the **HEATHEN**, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.
³ For he **BUILT** up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he **REARED** up altars for Baal, and **MADE** a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and **WORSHIPPED** all the host of heaven, and **SERVED** them." (that's [2Kgs.21:1-3](#))
- "**Amon** was **twenty and two years old** when he began to **REIGN**, and he **REIGNED** two years in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name was Mes-hull-e-meth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.
²⁰ And he **DID** that which was **EVIL** in the sight of the **Lord**, as his father Manasseh did." ([2Kgs.21:19-20](#))
- "**Josiah** was **eight years old** when he began to **REIGN**, and he **REIGNED** thirty and one years in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name was Jedi-dah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.
² And he **DID** that which was **RIGHT** in the sight of the Lord, and **WALKED** in **ALL** the **WAY** of David his father, and **turned NOT ASIDE**, to the right hand **OR** to the left." ([2Kgs.22:1-2](#))
- "**Hilkiah** the high priest said unto **Shaphan** the scribe, I have **FOUND** the book of the law, in the **HOUSE** of the Lord.
And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he **READ** it." ([2Kgs.22:8](#))
- "And **Shaphan** the scribe, shewed the king, saying, **Hilkiah** the priest hath **DELIVERED** me a book.
And Shaphan **READ** it before the king." ([2Kgs.22:10](#))
- "Go ye, **ENQUIRE** of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the **WORDS** of this book that is **FOUND**:
for **GREAT** is the wrath of the Lord, that is kindled **AGAINST** us, **BECAUSE** our fathers have **NOT** hearkened unto the **WORDS** of this book, to **DO** according unto **ALL** that which is **WRITTEN** concerning us." ([2Kgs.22:13](#))
- "And the **KING** sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah, and of Jerusalem.
² And the **KING** went up into the **HOUSE** of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and **all the people, both small and great**:

and he **READ** in their ears, **ALL** the **WORDS** of the book of the covenant which was **FOUND** in the **HOUSE** of the Lord.

³ And the **KING** stood by a pillar, and **MADE** a covenant before the Lord, to **walk** **AFTER** the Lord, and to **KEEP** His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes with **ALL** their **HEART** and **ALL** their **SOUL**, to **PERFORM** the **WORDS** of this covenant that were **WRITTEN** in this book. And **ALL** the people **STOOD** to the covenant." ([2Kgs.23:1-3](#))

Notice,

B. A summary of the Three Chapters

...Recorded for us in [2Kgs.23:21-24](#)

- “the king **COMMANDED** all the people, saying, **KEEP** the passover **UNTO** the Lord **YOUR** God, **AS** it is **WRITTEN** in the book of this covenant.

²² **SURELY** there was **NOT** holden such a **PASSOVER** **FROM** the days of the **JUDGES**, that judged **ISRAEL**, **NOR** in all the days of the **KINGS** of Israel, **NOR** of the **KINGS** of Judah;

²³ **BUT** in the eighteenth year of king **JOSIAH**, wherein **THIS** passover **WAS** holden to the Lord **IN** Jerusalem.

²⁴ Moreover the **WORKERS** with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and **ALL** the abominations that were **SPIED** in the land of Judah, and **IN** Jerusalem, **DID** Josiah put AWAY, that he might **PERFORM** the **WORDS** of the law, which were WRITTEN in the book that **Hilkiah** the priest, **FOUND** in the **HOUSE** of the Lord.” (that’s [2Kgs.23:21-24](#))

They were **PENITENT** for the **DEPARTURE**, from the **Word**, and from **God**

When Shaphan the scribe, read the Words of the book of the covenant to the King, Notice his Remorseful attitude, when he discovered that he and his people were not following the Divine Pattern. [2Kings 22:11](#) reads,

- “And it came to pass, **WHEN** the king had **HEARD** the **WORDS** of the book of the law, that he **RENT** his clothes.”

The process of “Rent Clothes” was an indication in that culture, that one was grieved.

Under King Josiah, the Israelites **TOOK** the written Law as **Authority**, AS a **Guide** and **Pattern**, and Faithfully **FOLLOWED** it.

- “And like unto him, was there **NO** king before him, that **TURNED** to the Lord **WITH** all his **HEART**, and **WITH** all his **SOUL**, and **WITH** all his **MIGHT**, according to **ALL** the law of Moses; **NEITHER** after him, arose there any **LIKE** him.” ([2Kings 23:25](#))

Which may remind us of the language from [Matt.22:37-38](#) where,

- “Jesus said..., Thou shalt **LOVE** the Lord thy God with **ALL** thy **HEART**, and with **ALL** thy **SOUL**, and with **ALL** thy **MIND**.³⁸ This is the **FIRST** and **GREAT** commandment.” ([Matt.22:37-38](#))

and if we’ll have this type of spiritual attitude and desire,
We’ll **NEVER** stray from the True **PATTERN** of Worship, Work and Life,
which is **WRITTEN** in the Books of the New Testament.

Truly, A Divine Pattern Was Given for,

IV. The Lord's Church

Jesus said,

- "...I will build **MY church**; and the **GATES** of hell, shall **NOT** prevail **AGAINST** it." ([Matt.16:18](#))

Notice some Bible,

A. Designations for The Lord's Church

The Bible says that Barnabus brought Paul,

- "...**UNTO** Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year, they **ASSEMBLED** themselves **WITH** the **CHURCH**, and **TAUGHT** much people. And the **DISCIPLES** were called **CHRISTIANS**, first **IN** Antioch." ([Acts 11:26](#))

That is, for the very first time in history the followers of Christ (disciples) were called Christians.

Paul told Timothy to,

- "...**KNOW** *how* thou oughtest to **BEHAVE** thyself **IN** the **HOUSE** of God, which is the **CHURCH** of the **LIVING** God, the **PILLAR** and **GROUND** of the **TRUTH**." ([1Tim.3:15](#))
- "unto the **church of God** which is **AT** Corinth, to **THEM** that are sanctified **IN** Christ Jesus, **CALLED** to be **SAINTS**, with all that in every place **CALL** upon the **NAME** of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." ([1Cor.1:2](#))
- "Salute one another with an holy kiss (that is, make your greeting holy). The **churches of Christ** salute you." ([Rom.16:16](#))

As we just read, the church you read about in the Bible was called,

- "the church"
- "of God"
- "of the Living God"
- "of Christ"

Disciples were called,

- "Christians"
- Or "Saints"

There is no Bible Pattern to designate any other name.

There is a Divine Pattern Given for

B. Terms of Admission (or Terms of Pardon)

New Testament Teaching is to,

Hear ([Rom.10:17](#)),

- “So then **FAITH cometh BY HEARING**, and **hearing BY the WORD** of God.”
...not hearing traditions, of men.

Believe ([Heb.11:6](#)),

- “with**OUT faith**, it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God **MUST believe** that He **IS**, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

Repent ([Lk.13:3](#)),

- “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye **REPENT** (change, by turning to God), ye shall all likewise perish.”

Confess ([Rom.10:9-10](#); [Acts 8:37](#)),

- “if thou shalt **CONFESS** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness (or unto the Word, to determine what he\she must do); and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be Baptized INTO Christ ([Gal.3:27](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [Mk.16:16](#); [1Pet.3:21](#)),

- “For as many of you as have been baptized **INTO Christ** have **PUT ON Christ**.”
...where all spiritual blessings exist ([Eph.1:3](#))

and **Remain Faithful** ([Matt.10:22b](#); [Rev.2:10](#))

- “he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”

Then,

- “the Lord **ADDED** to the **CHURCH daily**, such as **should be SAVED**.” ([Acts 2:47](#))

There is a Divine Pattern given for Terms of Admission to God’s church.

There is a Divine Pattern Given for the,

C. Worship of The Lord’s Church

Many details are given in the Word of God, about Worship,

which is “**IN Spirit** (or a godly, spiritual attitude) and **IN Truth** (according to the Biblical facts)” ([Jn.4:24](#)).

- **Sing** ([Col.3:16](#); [Eph.5:19](#)),
- **Pray** ([Acts 2:42](#)),
- remember the Lord’s Death through the **Lord’s Supper** ([Acts 2:42](#); [Acts 20:7](#); [1Cor.11:23-29](#))
- **Preach the Word** ([Acts 2:42](#), [2Tim.4:2](#)),
- and **Giving** ([1Cor.16:2](#); [2Cor.9:7](#)).

Any deviation, **MARS** purity, and **DESTROY’S** our Identity with God, and His Word.

There is a Divine Pattern given for Worship of The Lord’s Church.

For some, Jesus said,

- “**IN VAIN** they do **WORSHIP Me**, **TEACHING** for doctrines, the commandments of MEN.” ([Matt.15:9](#))
What happened!? ...they strayed from the Divine Pattern.

There is a Divine Pattern Given for

D. Organization of the Lord's Church

There is No hierarchy; No congregational union among many churches,
The Lord's church is Autonomous, and Local in government & function.

- “**elders** in every church” ([Acts 14:23](#)), not in one BIG church to oversee all other smaller churches.

Paul wrote,

- “to **ALL** the **saints** **IN** Christ Jesus, which are **AT** Philippi,
WITH the **bishops** (or elders) and **deacons**” ([Phil.1:1](#))

Peter wrote to elders to,

- “**Feed** the **flock of God** which is **AMONG YOU...**” ([1Pet.5:2](#)),
not the flock or church, in some **OTHER** assembly, in some **OTHER** city, or in some **OTHER** country.

There is a Divine Pattern given for the Organization of the Lord's Church.

There is a Divine Pattern Given for the

E. Work of the Lord's Church

- “For from you sounded out the word of the Lord
NOT only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also **in every place** your **faith** to **God-ward** is **spread abroad**;
so that we need not to speak any thing.” ([1Thess.1:8](#))

This passage is referencing preaching to the lost,
A Divine Pattern for the Work of the Lord's Church.

- “from whom the **WHOLE** body, **FITLY** joined **TOGETHER**
and **COMPACTED** by, that which **EVERY** joint **SUPPLIETH**,
ACCORDING to the **effectual** **WORKING**, in the **measure** of **EVERY** part,
maketh **INCREASE** of the **BODY** (singular), unto the **edifying** of **ITSELF** (singular) **IN** Love.” ([Eph.4:16](#))

This passage is referencing preaching to the saved, or edifying christians.
A Divine Pattern for the Work of the Lord's Church.

- “If any man or woman that **BELIEVETH** (that is, christians or saints) **have widows**,
let **them** (christians), **relieve them** (widows of the same family),
and **Let NOT the CHURCH be CHARGED**;
that it may relieve them that are **widows** **INDEED** (that is, windows who have no fleshly family).”
([1Tim.5:16](#))

This passage is referencing a restriction on Benevolent responsibilities, in the Lord's Church.
A Divine Pattern, for the Work of the Lord's Church.

We must be careful, **NOT** to **ADD** to the **PATTERN** given by **God**.
because we want to please the Lord, and follow Him, in a very safe and cautious way.

Notice also, There is a Divine Pattern Given for

F. Cooperation in the Lord's Church

- “And in these days came **PROPHETS** from Jerusalem unto Antioch.
²⁸ And there stood up one of them named Agabus,

and signified **BY** the **Spirit**, that there should be great DEARTH throughout all the **WORLD**:
which **CAME** to pass, in the **DAYS** of Claudius Cæsar.

²⁹ Then the **DISCIPLES** (or christians), every man according to his **ABILITY**,
DETERMINED to send **RELIEF** unto the **BRETHREN**, which dwelt **IN** Judæa:

³⁰ which also they **DID**, and sent it to the elders (that is, the Elders IN Judæa)
BY the **HANDS** of Barnabas and Saul.” ([Acts 11:27-30](#))
- “For it hath **PLEASED** them of Macedonia and Achaia,
to **MAKE** a certain **CONTRIBUTION**
for the poor **SAINTS** (or christians), which are **AT** Jerusalem.” ([Rom.15:26](#))

The Divine Pattern Given, was TO Saints, IN Need , and the FUNDS were <u>sent</u> DIRECTLY to that Need .

There is no Divine Pattern to

- feed the globe from the Church Treasury.
- To send funds to any organization, outside the church
- Nor to send to ONE BIG church, who then sends funds to many smaller churches.

Even though **CONGREGATIONS** are restricted in who they are to help from the church treasury ([1Tim.5:16](#)), **INDIVIDUALS** are free to help whomso-ever they will, in keeping with principles of righteousness.

- As **individuals** have “**opportunity**” (read [Gal.6:10](#))
- and as **individuals** have resources or ability (read [2Cor.8:12](#))

G. Alterations to the Divine Pattern

Of **ANY** amount, shows Dissatisfaction with the divine **Pattern**, and Lack of Respect for its **Creator & Author**

- “If any man **SPEAK**, let him speak **AS** the oracles of God;” ([1Pet.4:11](#)).

There is no pattern to wear denominational names, or names of men,
or to corrupt the worship and work of the Lord's church,
And would be presumptuous, and sinful to do so.

- “**ADD** thou **NOT** unto **His Words**,
lest He **REPROVE** thee, and thou be **FOUND** a **LIAR**.” ([Prov.30:6](#); [Deut.4:2](#); [Rev.22:18-19](#)).

Notice, God Gave Us The Perfect **PATTERN** for,

V. Life

The Divine Pattern,

- “teach(es) us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should **LIVE** soberly, righteously, and godly, **IN** this present **WORLD**;” ([Titus 2:12](#))

God gave us a perfect **PATTERN**, for a Life of,

A. Prayer

- Jesus “went out into a mountain to **PRAY**, and continued all night in prayer to God.” ([Lk.6:12](#))
- “**PRAY** without ceasing.” ([1Thess.5:17](#))

God gave us a perfect **PATTERN**, for a Life of,

B. Diligent Work

- “In all things shewing thyself a **PATTERN** of Good Works: **IN** doctrine **SHEWING** **UN**corruptness, gravity, sincerity,” ([Titus 2:7](#))

God gave us a perfect **PATTERN**, for a Life of,

C. Faith

Trust in God’s Care BY,

- “**SEEK**(ing) ye **FIRST** the kingdom **OF** God, and **HIS** Righteousness; and **ALL** these things shall be **ADDED** unto you.” ([Matt.6:33](#))

God gave us a perfect **PATTERN**, for a Life of,

D. Kindness and Forgiveness

- “be ye **KIND** one to another, tenderhearted, **FORGIVING** one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath **FORGIVEN** you.” ([Eph.4:32](#))

God gave us a perfect **PATTERN**, for a Life of,

E. Contending for The Truth

- “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the **COMMON** salvation, it was **NEEDFUL** for me to write unto you, and **EXHORT** you that ye should earnestly **CONTEND** for **THE** Faith, which was **ONCE** delivered unto the saints.” ([Jude vs.3](#))

IN-CONCLUSION:

For spiritual Prosperity, We Need to Follow God's **PATTERN**, in **EVERY** Detail, in every arena.

- "Then shall I **NOT** be ashamed, **WHEN** I have **RESPECT**, unto **ALL** Thy commandments." ([Psa.119:6](#))

Will you **OBEY** His Gospel, with **CONVICTION**?

Won't you **COME**,

- **Believing** ([Jn.8:24](#); [Heb.11:6](#)),
- **Repenting** ([Lk.13:3](#); [Acts 17:30](#); [2Pet.3:9](#); [1Jn.1:9](#); [Jn.8:11](#)),
- **Confessing** ([Acts 8:37](#); [Matt.10:32-33](#); [Rom.10:9-10](#)),
- Be **Baptized** INTO Christ ([Gal.3:26-27](#); [Rom.6:3-5](#); [Mk.16:16](#); [1Pet.3:21](#); [Acts 22:16](#))
...Where **ALL** "spiritual blessings" exist ([Eph.1:3](#))
- And Remain **Faithful** ([Rev.2:10](#)), or **Endure** until the end ([Matt.24:13](#))?

The Lord invites, and we await to assist you.

- "Come unto Me, **ALL** ye that labour and are **HEAVY laden**, and I will **GIVE** you **REST**." (Jesus said, [Matt.11:28](#))

Having **HEARD** the **Divine Pattern**,

If ye have a spiritual **NEED**, please **COME** While **TOGETHER** we stand and sing.

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