

RADIO TALK

We live in days of tremendous need for building. Families desire to build homes, nations are seeking to build better living conditions for their citizens, statesmen are endeavoring to build a new world, and each one desires to build into his project those features which will make it most worthwhile.

In this planning it is essential that all relevant factors be taken into account. Several years ago a friend of mine desired to build a house. For weeks he poured over drafts and blueprints until finally the desired plan was selected. At length all was ready, but at the last moment he learned that an important factor had been overlooked. The zoning laws of his neighborhood required that the house be set a certain distance from the street--farther back than he had planned. When this was done a room which projected from the side of his house almost met a similar projection from the house next door. This meant insufficient light and privacy for both houses. A minor factor had been omitted in his calculations and the result was discomfort and inconvenience on the part of two families.

→ At one time I lived in a city which was growing rapidly but where there was an appalling lack of careful planning. Frequently one would ^{find rep. of water dept digging up a recently paved street} see a street which had recently been paved and looked like a splendid addition to the town. Unfortunately, it was common in such a circumstance to come by a few days later and find representatives of the water department digging up the new street in order to lay water mains beneath it. An essential factor had been overlooked, ~~and~~ ~~as a result the street was in very poor condition shortly after it had been paved.~~ In planning our lives it is vital that we take into consideration all the factors of importance. Omission of a primary factor may easily lead to disaster. The verse with which we began our meditation this morning pointed to such a factor--one stressed from the beginning to the end of the Bible. "Except the Lord build