

Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God Alone

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Once there was a man who decided to build a mansion. He cut the stone from the ground for the foundation, dragged it to the place where he wanted to build, and set the foundation firmly in place.

He raised the large timbers for the walls and the beams to hold up the roof. He covered the building's exterior with beautiful stones and the roof with fine cedar shingles. He put in stained glass windows and beautiful oak doors.

On the inside, the house was furnished with beautiful carpet and expensive furniture.

It was a very beautiful mansion.

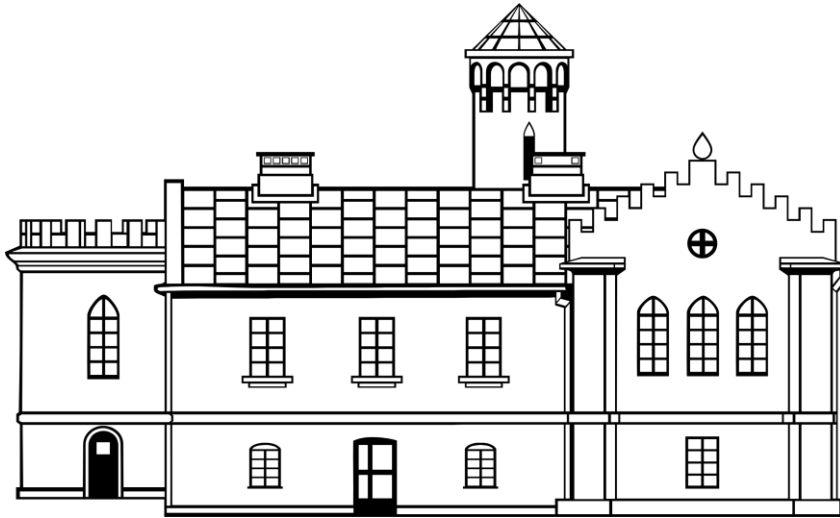
The man adopted a son to stay in this mansion. But this son didn't take care of the mansion. He broke furniture and got the carpet dirty. He recklessly spent the money his adopted father had earned.

Yet, this adopted son walked around the mansion telling his friends that he had built the mansion. He didn't give credit to his father who had built the mansion and who had given this adopted son all that he had.

Something to think about:

God built this creation. He created all things. He created us, and he is the creator of faith in our hearts. Yet it is too easy to go about as if we have somehow done something to make us worthy of praise and glory. As if we are the ones who have saved ourselves by our faith, by our good works, by our correct doctrine. But the glory for all of those things belongs to God.

This Thanksgiving, let's remember to give thanks to God for ALL things. Even the things we can't see with our eyes, such as faith and the continued renewing of our hearts. God deserves the glory—all the glory—for the works he has done.



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CREATION
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THANKSGIVING

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