

A black and white photograph of several people working on a large table covered with architectural blueprints. One person's hand is visible, holding a pen and pointing at a drawing. Another person's hand is visible, holding a rolled-up blueprint. The scene is dimly lit, with the focus on the hands and the blueprints.

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A BetterMan Excels
at God's Work

PART 3



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SESSION 1

Godly Work



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