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Lord*



Introduction

“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.” - Ephesians 3:19.

In the first book of Timothy chapter 3 verse 15, we read that the church is to be the pillar and ground of the truth. This guide is for any church that actively believes in the foundational fundamentals of the faith, separation from the world, and so forth. It is written as an humble attempt for those who desire God's witness upon their ministry; realizing the need to revamp what they do in light of who God is and the grave responsibility to be that candlestick spoken of in Revelation chapters 1-3; and their responsibility for reaching their community for God in a greater measure by the Spirit's enduement; to prepare a people, as a Bride adorned for her Husband.

The topics discussed are as follows:

- General Church Activity (*Areas that are specific to revamping what is done as traditional and seeking the old paths*)
- Specific Topics (*This specifically addresses areas that can be addressed when having seasons of special focus areas*)
- General Topics (*Helps for a varied number of topics in the life of a church*)

General Church Activity

In venturing into the need of the Church to once again become a beacon of truth by the Spirit, the beginnings need to have a complete re-evaluation of everything that is being performed under the guise of “Christianity” and church tradition. The below is a high level summary of some of the topics for prayerful consideration for such a measure.

- Pause all programs to reevaluate for desiring the glory of God alone
 - Pray to be led of the Spirit
 - Though God has given us His word, He desires to be the one leading and governing our lives and our churches 24x7. When we look to the word, we also bring it to God and say if that is what the Lord wants us to do, not by being passive but in prayer and being led by God in corporate prayer. Paul was forbidden to go to Asia and Bithynia though he was doing the command of God, Joshua was to consult God before going against Ai though God has told them to conquer the land. Because He is God and we are not, and He has created us and not we ourselves, we ought to revolve around Him.

And whatever He says goes, because He alone has the right to say it. Spirit through the Word guiding us, in prayers and supplications by desperate dependence upon Him for without Him we can do nothing. Not just saying it but in deed proving it.

- Start a Discourse on (with book helps given)
 - Having the proper view of God, His attributes
 - ◊ (Knowledge of the Holy - A. W. Tozer)
 - Humility
 - ◊ (Humility - Andrew Murray)
 - Counting the Cost
 - ◊ (Foxes Book of Martyrs - John Foxe | Classic edition)
 - Rededication
 - ◊ (Absolute Surrender - Andrew Murray)
 - Family Worship at the home
 - Beholding GOD
 - Faith
 - Worship
 - Fear of God
 - Biblical Marriage
 - Love
 - Holiness of God
 - Sinfulness of sin
 - Church Discipline
 - Prayer
 - ◊ (The Kneeling Christian - An Unknown Christian)
 - Repentance
 - ◊ (The Doctrine of Repentance - Thomas Watson)
 - Discernment
 - Fullness of the Spirit
 - ◊ (The Power of Pentecost - John R. Rice)
 - ◊ (How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit - A. W. Tozer)
 - Leading believers into Prayer
 - ◊ (The Revival we Need - Oswald J. Smith)
 - Start a weekly Friday all-night Prayer meeting for building on the steps and for the life of God's Church. >> **This is crucial**
 - ◊ (**Call to Prayer** in desiringRevival.org can help when starting one and it can be adapted to the need)

Specific Topics

REVIVAL FOCUS

Have a week of special meeting focused on learning about Historic Revivals

- Sunday School: what is genuine revival and the need for it?
 - ◊ (Book: Revival by Martyn Lloyd-Jones)
 - A people prepared to receive, to be in the way
- Sunday Morning: Three essentials for experiencing personal revival
 - Word of God
 - Spirit of God
 - Humility, Prayer and Faith
- Sunday Evening: Learning from Historic Revivals of religion
 - (The **Newsletters** in desiringRevival.org can be of help)
- Monday Evening: On Prayer, Family Altar and Worship
- Tuesday Evening: Holiness of God and Sinfulness of Sin
- Wednesday Evening: Purity and the Victorious Christian living
- Thursday Evening: Holy Spirit and witnessing
- Friday Evening: The coming revival, what's next
- ◊ Every night after service, a time of teaching in prayer and praying.

Never set the expectation of time of when a service will finish, desire God to lead as needed. Pray for discernment.

COMMUNION

“this do in remembrance of me” - Luke 22:19b: The depth of Christ's sacrifice must be pondered at length and given to weeks of contemplation by the messages preached before partaking of the Lord's supper, lest we forget the price that was paid, as a child who carelessly toys with a priceless jewel not knowing it's great value.

The Offence of the Gospel

The true gospel is offensive because

- it destroys the righteousness of man (Isaiah 64:6, James 2:10)
- it condemns the best that he can offer in his morality (Romans 3:23, Psalm 14:1-3)
- it humiliates his pride and puts him in line with drunkards, harlots, and what he considers as the worst of human depravity around him (Job 15:14-16)
- it judges his sincerity, ability and goodness as filth in the eyes of a Holy God (Job 25:4-6)

- it requires coming on God's terms, requiring submission and lifelong servitude (Matt 10:38, 16:24-26)
- it hangs his eternal redemption on the pure mercy and absolute pleasure of Almighty God and not of anything that he can offer (Luke 18:13, Romans 9:15-16, 18-20)
- it shatters his self-esteem, for the gospel is primarily for the glory of God alone and not for the happiness of man (Col 1:16-19, Rev 4:11)
- it demands the dethronement of his god of self and requires absolute submission to the true God of the universe (Acts 2:36, 16:31, Rom 10:9).

General Topics

Sermons on Recovering from False Notions

- About Evangelism
 - ◊ (Book: Evangelism by James A. Stewart)
- About God
- About Revival
- About the Word of God
- About the Victorious Christian Life
- About who a real Christian is
- About a life of Holiness
- About Fasting

⇒ Revamp (destroy) all materials that portray a low view of God

⇒ Revamp (destroy) all materials, tracts that give out a shallow evangelism

Some pointers for New Beginnings

- ◆ Begin a once-a-month meeting with a 2-family prayer unit, meeting in their homes, specific prayer requests from the Pastor
- ◆ Begin a Discipleship program
 - * (resources under **Study** on desiringRevival.org can help)
- ◆ Begin a once-a-month meeting on Historic Books from solid leaders of old over 100 years prior (Topics on Humility, Revival, etc.)
- ◆ Teach the people regarding spiritual warfare
 - * Aaron and Hur and Moses in relation to the battle in the valley
 - * (Book: New Testament Holiness - Thomas Cook)
- ◆ Lead the people to have their utter dependence on God for the offices that only He can produce; conviction, regeneration, conveying of spiritual truths, etc. praying in light of that for Him to come.
- ◆ Praying for the preacher, for he is frail and cannot convey supernatural truths unless the Spirit comes and rests upon him.

- ◆ Plan certain biblical patterns for a service
 - ◆ No altar calls unless prompted by the Spirit
 - ◆ No sinners prayer, have the sinner pray as God shows his need
 - ◆ Salvation is about God and not about heaven
 - ◆ Desire a solemn assembly
 - ◆ Desiring fruit that remains
 - ◆ Street Preaching, Bus Ministry and Door-to-door evangelism
 - ◆ Prayer Room - Praying during services, special events, evangelistic efforts, open 24x7 for members to come and pray
 - * (The Life and Diary of David Brainerd - Johnathan Edwards)
 - ◆ Focus of worship is to be as unto the Lord, rejecting entertainment and worldly methods
 - ◆ Meet with workers regularly and address topics on Holy Spirit, repentance toward God, signs of godly sorrow, knowledge of the Scriptures, having a high view of God, pointing sinners to Christ.

Church Membership and Other Matters

- Membership only for those who are saved
 - ◆ Not professions, but wait for a period to see at least a year or six months of their lives, involvement, prayer meeting attendance, etc.
- Provide credible evidence of regeneration
- No membership by letter of transfer from another church
- Rejection of songs not doctrinally sound, which has worldly beat and styles that please the flesh while leaving the spirit empty when you leave the church. All sacred music should turn our attention to the Lord. Church special music is not for a display of talent, but done as unto the Lord.
- Remove any affiliation to other groups that are doubtful or question God's word in faith and practice
- Modesty for those who serve in any capacity in dress, speech and separation as a lifestyle, for pleasing their Lord
- Yearly review of church practices in prayerful searching's for removing any practices that have crept in unawares which displeases the Lord
- Using scriptures that are true to the source, in word-for-word translation
 - ◆ (We recommend the King James Version of the Scriptures)

⇒ This is not meant as an exhaustive list for a Church's faith and practice, but just as a starting point to help a church to reevaluate and desire to be the candlestick that the Lord is pleased with. At some point there maybe areas that one maybe led to change something that is in a Church constitution which maybe contrary to what is being practiced as a result of how they have been guided by the Lord.

⇒ The Scriptures are always the final authority for faith and practice.

Other Resources

The Christian Worker

Please visit <https://desiringrevival.org/>. Website section "Recovery of the Gospel witness" under the topic "Study for sharing the Gospel"

Tract Resources

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The Deity of Jesus Christ

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Of Books and Sermons

- Books must ensure the truthfulness to the word of God
- Do the authors lives represent Christ?
 - ◇ **Some Authors:** Leonard Ravenhill, A. W. Tozer, Andrew Murray, Dr. John R. Rice, Duncan Campbell
 - ◇ More given on: <https://desiringRevival.org>
 - ◇ **Some Preachers:** Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Leonard Ravenhill, A. W. Tozer, W. P. Nicholson
 - ◇ More resources can be found in: <https://sermonAudio.com> and <https://sermonIndex.net>

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