

God's

A Verse By Verse Study of First & Second Timothy

Church Manual

Second Timothy Chapter Four



Paul was sitting in a small under ground prison like the one pictured above. He was scheduled to die shortly, and he knew it. No doubt his aged body was racked with pain from the dampness as it takes its' toll on him.

A little light shines down through the hole, where his food is let in, and he takes advantage of it to write a young pastor named Timothy, concerning the problems he faces in his local church.

Verses 1,2 - *“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”*

SEVEN CHARGES

To **“charge”** someone is to entrust them with a **serious responsibility**. Timothy was charged by Paul to fulfill his God-given responsibilities as a pastor, and to be bold concerning charging other Christians concerning their responsibilities.

- **First Timothy 1:3** - *“...charge some that they teach no other doctrine.”*
- **First Timothy 1:18** - *“This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy...that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.”*
- **First Timothy 5:7** - *“...charge, that they may be blameless.”*
- **First Timothy 5:21** - *“I charge thee...that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.”*
- **First Timothy 6:13** - *“I give thee charge in the sight of God...That thou keep this commandment without spot...”*
- **First Timothy 6:17** - *“Charge them...that they be not highminded...”*
- **First Timothy 4:1,2** - *“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ...Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”*

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD

We read of the *“quick and the dead”* in three places in the New Testament. All of them have to do with preaching and judgment.



- **Acts 10:42** - *“And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he (Christ) which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.”*
- **First Peter 4:5,6** - *“Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and dead. For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.”*
- **Second Timothy 4:1** - *“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word.”*



Verse 3 - “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

JESUS TAKLED ABOUT THE QUITTERS
Jesus mentioned this group of quitters in Mark 4:17. He said they would, “...endure but for a time.” On the other hand we read, “...we count them happy which endure” (James 5:11) The message for the pastor in the midst of our apostate fundamentalism is to, “...endure afflictions.” We can conclude that in this age when church members “...will not endure sound doctrine” the pastor who preaches sound doctrine will suffer persecution.

SMOOTH THINGS ONLY PLEASE

During the apostasy of God’s people in the Old Testament we read the people said, “Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us **smooth things**, prophesy deceits.” It is the same today. If the preacher dares to preach things that are not in line with the carnal desires of his self-centered fundamental, carnal, church members, they will persecute him verbally or they will leave. They will bounce from one church to another and they, “...after their own lusts (desires) shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.” They want the pastor to be their “**Tickle Me Elmo Doll,**” that makes them feel happy. These dolls normally retailed for \$28.99, however, when they were in demand they fetched as much as \$1500.00.



TICKLE ME ELMO PASTORS FOR SALE

Unfortunately there is no shortage of “*Tickle Me Elmo*” pastors who will sell out the Word of God to make all his listeners feel warm and fuzzy and make himself look successful as he fills God’s church with disobedient people.

If a fundamental pastor dares to Scripturally discipline a church member, another fundamental “*Tickle Me Elmo*” pastor will gladly take the disobedient church member into his church or

even start another church with those who, “...after their own lusts (desires) shall they heap to themselves teachers.” These church hoppers do not want to quit going to church altogether. They have ears that desire to be tickled, therefore, they will look for a preacher to tickle them.

DON’T BE PART OF THE HEAP

The pastor who is so foolish to start a church with these people little realizes that it will only be a matter of time until he will be deserted by these wanderers and he will end up on their “heap.” As they continue to run from one preacher to another they become more confused than ever. This is another main reason why these people are, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (Second Timothy 3:7)



Verse 5 - “But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

WATCH - ENDURE - DO THE WORK

Watch ...

- “**Watch** therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” (Matthew 24:42)
- “**Watch** and pray, that ye enter not into temptation...” (Matthew 26:41)

Endure because ...

- “Behold, we count them happy which **endure.**” (James 5:11)

Do the work of an evangelist ...

“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

There are people who need the Lord and we are under orders to evangelize. We are commanded to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation.

Make full proof of thy ministry...

“Full proof” means, “to carry out fully with evidence that compels acceptance.”

WHAT IS THE PROOF?

If it is numbers, Paul sits in a dungeon as a total failure. Maybe if he had learned a few of our modern day tricks to get people to pray a prayer



and had not been so blunt about what he believed he might have built a big church.

If getting a crowd is proof of the ministry, Jesus was also a failure.



WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

It only took one sermon to get those who wanted their ears tickled to leave the Lord. In John 6:66 *“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”*

THE CHURCHES IN JERUSALEM

A careful study of the Book of Acts, comparing Scripture with Scripture rather than a few minutes in a Bible commentary, will show that crowds very quickly got on the bandwagon when Peter preached about setting up a literal kingdom; however, when Saul came after the Christians to persecute them we read he came looking for them in houses, not in church buildings.

Acts 8:3, *“As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.”*

After Paul became a Christian we read he said in **Romans 16:5** *“...greet the church that is in their house.”* In First Corinthians 16:19 he referred to, *“...the church that is in their house.”*

In Colossians 4:15 he referred to, *“...the church which is in his house.”*

In Philemon 1:2 he mentioned, *“...the church in thy house.”*

Are we to conclude these churches were failures because they were small? Absolutely not!

THEY WERE ORGANIZED CHURCHES

In the Bible, the word “church” **ALWAYS** refers to a Scripturally organized structure of believers. These verses do not give license for some disgruntled church members to read a few Scriptures to their family and call it church. To make “full proof” of his ministry the pastor is to organize it according to do things God’s way.

CROWDS ARE NOT A SIGN OF SUCCESS

It is obvious, according to the Scriptures, that having a large crowd has nothing to do with the success or failure of a local church. Faithfulness is God’s measuring stick. First Corinthians 4:2 says, *“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”* In Matthew 25:23 we read, Jesus said, *“Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things...”* To show “full proof” of the ministry today is to put it on trial under the judgment of God’s Word, not the peer pressure of what anyone on earth thinks.

THE END OF HIS MINISTRY

Verse 6 - *“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.”*

In Romans 1:15 Paul previously said, *“...I am ready to preach.”* Now he is ready to die.

In 1998 when Karla Faye Tucker was on death row she wrote a letter to the governor of Texas pleading for her life. In her letter she used the word “I” over 300 times, in her hopes to keep from dying.

Paul was on death row; however, he did not focus on himself but only on the needs of others. He was concerned about the condition of the local church at Ephesus. He was concerned about Timothy. He writes about the “walk” and the “warfare” of the people in the church. Paul was always ready to follow the will of God even when it meant it was time to die.



FINISHED MY COURSE

Verse 7 - “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...”

Three times in this one verse he said, “I have.” He said, “I have fought...I have finished...I have kept the faith: It was directly to the pastor that Paul said, “Fight the good fight of faith.” (First Timothy 6:12). Paul fought and finished what he was given to do and he expected Timothy to do the same.



Verse 8 - “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”

Paul sat alone in a dungeon, and yet he was confident of getting his crown. He did not pastor a large number of people. His crown was laid up for him because he “fought a good fight,” he “finished” his “course,” and he, “kept the faith.”

KEPT THE FAITH?

Paul uses the word “faith” here concerning a belief a person could have about anything. For example, someone might say, “I have faith in what my doctor is telling me.” The belief that Paul is talking about had to do with his faith in the Lord as his Saviour; however, it also includes the fact that he had faith to live the Christian life here on earth, the way the Lord wanted him to live it. He kept to his convictions concerning the Word of God until the day he died. He kept the faith.

He warned the pastor that, “...some shall depart from the faith.” (First Timothy 4:1) He was not talking about saving faith. He was talking about the same faith James was talking about when he said, “faith without works is dead.” (James 2:20) Paul was not one of those Sunday morning only fundamentalists. He believed the Bible and he lived accordingly. He could honestly say, “...I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.”

ALONE BUT NO FAILURE

Verses 9-12. “Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take

Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.”

Timothy had been Paul's traveling companion, and was his intimate friend. He no doubt would like to see him again before he left this world. He mentions those who had quit and no doubt could relate to the heartache Christ felt when He said to His twelve disciples, “Will ye also go away?” (John 6:67)

DEMAS THE QUITTER

Demas was a good friend and fellow-labourer who ended up quitting. He mentioned Demas along with three other “fellowlabourers” in Philemon 1:24. In his letter to the Colossians Paul said, “Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.” (Colossians 4:14) Finally, Paul said, “Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.” (Second Timothy 4:10) We name our children Luke, we don't even name our dogs Demas.

God sharply rebukes those who “...turned back, and dealt unfaithfully.” (Psalm 78:57) He said, “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.” (Proverbs 24:10) Jesus said, “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)



Paul was alone. He said, “...no man stood with me, but all men forsook me...Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me.” (Verse 16)

Verse 13 - “The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.”

Paul wished some warm clothes be brought to him, however, if Timothy had to bring only one of the two requests he said, “...especially the parchments.”



Verses 14,15 - “Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: **Of whom be thou ware also;** for he hath greatly withstood our words.” Paul finished his life's ministry warning the



pastor about “Alexander the coppersmith.” Alexander had the opportunity to be under the authority of one of the greatest preachers that ever lived, however, he thought he was smarter than God’s chosen leader. He spent his life hurting the ministry and ended up an eternal member of **God’s hall of shame.**

Verses 16,17 - “At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”



It was a sad thing that when Paul went before the courts of Nero, he stood alone; however, he said the Lord stood with him.

Verse 18 - *And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

From a human perspective this would suggest that Paul would be delivered from Nero’s death sentence. To Paul it meant the opposite. Nero did nothing that God did not allow him to do. When Paul left this world, God used Nero to deliver Paul from, “...every evil work,” into the presence of Christ.

Verses 19,20. *Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.*

Acts 19:11 tells us, “...God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul.” Obviously the healing sign gift was past as the local churches came into existence otherwise Paul would have healed Trophimus.

Verses 21,22 - “Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren. The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.”

Paul concludes by mentioning, “Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.” We have no idea who they are. They represent the many unsung heroes of the faith who faithfully serve the Lord with little or no public appreciation.

Paul was always careful to openly appreciate those who stood by him when it was a very unpopular thing to do. To the Thessalonians he said he was, “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (First Thessalonians 1:3)

Paul was not the only one who focused on these unknown, but faithful Christians. In Hebrews 6:10 he said, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

His final words to the pastor, “Grace be with you. Amen.” This grace is the desire and ability to do things God’s way in His local church.

THINKING-BEING-KNOWING-DOING

THIS THINK

In Second Timothy chapter one Paul focused on the importance of the pastor doing some **thinking** as he shepherds the sheep in the local church. His thinking should be in line with the Word of God. Second Timothy 1:7 says the pastor needs to have, “...a sound mind.”

In the early days of my ministry I found it much easier to let someone else do my thinking for me. Since the popular leaders of fundamentalism were teaching me to use mind manipulating tricks to get people down the aisle, I sadly, to my shame, didn’t bother checking the Scriptures to see if these things be correct. When I searched the Scriptures I found that my responsibility was simply to, “...preach the Word” and stay out of the way and let The Holy Spirit convict through the preaching of the Word.

THIS BE

In Second Timothy chapter two Paul focuses on the importance of the pastor **being** strong. Verse one says, “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

- **Verse 2** - “...be able to teach.”
- **Verse 4** - “...be a soldier.”
- **Verse 6** - “... be first partaker of the fruits.”
- **Verse 11** - “...be dead with him.”
- **Verse 15** - “...not to be ashamed.”

- Verse 21 - “...*be a vessel unto honour.*”
- Verse 24 - “...*be gentle unto all men.*”

We will not expand on this list here except to say if we are going to be “gentle unto all men” that would include how we handle those who cause trouble.

THIS KNOW

Second Timothy 3:1 says, “*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*” Paul focuses on the importance of the pastor **knowing** what he faces in the local church in the age of apostasy.

THIS DO

In Second Timothy chapter four Paul focuses on the importance of the pastor **doing** what God wants him to do in the local church in the age of apostasy.

Second Timothy 4:1-2 says, “*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*”

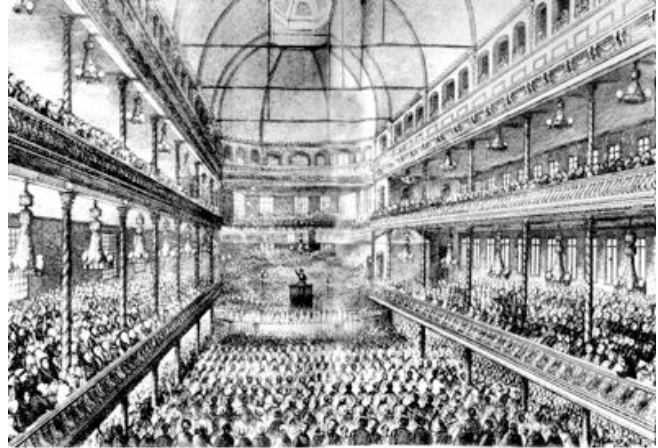
We read in the Bible concerning Israel about “...men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel **ought to do.**” (First Chronicles 12:32) The hour in which we live is a confusing time for *sincere* Christians who desire to serve God in the local church. If pastors and people are going to keep from getting discouraged, we also need **an understanding of the times, to know what we ought to do.**

THE OPEN DOOR

The last two periods of local church history are referred to in Revelation as the Philadelphian age, and the Laodicean age. The Philadelphian age was a time when God’s blessing was upon His servants. We read in the Scriptures concerning that era that God, “...*openeth, and no man shutteth.*”

GOD’S BLESSING WAS OBVIOUS

Crowds came to hear them preach. Even the newspapers reported the news about thousands being saved.



Revivals spread like wildfire! God said, “*I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.*” (Revelation 3:8)

THEN IT ALL CHANGED

The Bible says God, “...*shutteth and no man openeth.*” Men who are no less sincere than those who preached a hundred years ago, preach today but without the same results. God’s blessings are not upon our efforts like they once were. God demands more than sincerity, God demands His work must be done His way!

The Bible plainly says, “*Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of **the way** which I command you ...*” (Deut. 11:28)

It matters not if it is 1808, 1908, or 2008, God’s work done God’s way will not lack God’s support. God said when we, “...*turn aside out of **the way** which I command...*” we also turn aside from the blessings that come with obedience. God’s “way” that God has commanded for us today is the local church.



We have “*turned aside*” to our para-church organizations and we are paying the price. Even in our local churches we have “*turned aside*” from God’s way to our way of doing things and we are paying the price.

THE LAODICEAN AGE

We are now living in the Laodiceans church age and we are living under the judgment of God that comes with our disobedience to His Word. In recent days the *cults* and *compromisers* have taken over. The local church is pushed into the background as the universal church virus has infected our Christian society. Making a *commitment* for Christ has replaced *conversion*. Radio and T.V. preachers have become amateur psychologists who emphasized the self-life of the believer.

WITH THE NEW PHILOSOPHY CAME NEW WORDS

THE PLATFORM

The area at the front of the church where the preacher preached was always referred to as the *pulpit* area. Now we call it the *platform*. **Why did we change that?** Don’t just pass over that question. Think about it! **Why did we change the name from pulpit to platform?**

Is it our desire to be more like the world? The world has *platforms* on which they *entertain* people and so do we. Many church *platforms* now feature girls dressed in tight formfitting clothes singing, “*Jesus keep me near the cross,*” and “*Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?*” Prayer has become something on the “*order of service*” card, that in many services has become nothing more than an opportunity to get the congregation to close their eyes while the next set of *performers* get ready to do their “*specials*” on the *platform*.

THE OFFICE

The *pastor’s study* is now the *pastor’s office*. **Why did we change that?** Was it because, like the world the local church is operated like a business.

OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE ESTABLISHED

I recently had to make a business call. I dialed the company and heard a recording telling me to call

back during their business hours. I needed to call a fundamental independent Baptist church about something and so decided I would do that while I was waiting for the business to open. When the phone was answered at the church I listened to a recording telling me what time the “*office*” would be opened. If I was phoning about being saved would I have had to wait for the “*office hours*” of the church? **Do we really think that is God’s gauge for success?**

SEMINARS FOCUSING ON PERSONALITY ADJUSTMENTS

Seminars have become very popular where Bible doctrine is avoided and personality adjustments are more important. People who can’t sit in church for an hour come by the thousands, pay large amounts of money, and sit for days to hear about seven steps to solve all their problems. They offer no soft seats, no music specials **and best of all no demands**. Personal counseling by a pastor is replaced with wholesale counseling by an ear-tickling teacher who knows nothing about the people he is counseling. When he is finished he takes his jet and a pocket full of money to the next counseling session.

LOCAL CHURCHES ALSO CHANGED

Attendance became the focus of the local church. Pastors were put on guilt trips to baptize 200 a year. “*Win* them, (by promising Heaven for all who pray a forgiveness prayer) *wet* them (in the baptistery) and *work* them, became the new philosophy. **Repentance became a thing of the past because it is easier for people to vote for Jesus and be considered saved.** (We can put the right information in a computer and it will vote for Jesus, but it won’t go to Heaven.) Hard Bible preaching soon began to disappear from the scene because it would scare people off. We must have unity at all cost, if we are going to keep the attendance growing and the offerings up.

Christian Colleges, radio and television programs, newspapers, Christian periodicals, mission boards, singing groups, and scores of other ministries **with no Scriptural authority to exist outside of the local church**, began to dwarf the local church.

More than 150 Bible colleges, universities, and seminaries in the USA were soon doing what God commanded the local church to do. Soon more than 50,000 young men had graduated from these institutions.

Many of these institutions became weak on their position concerning the King James issue and some openly ridicule those who promote the King James Bible. Students who left their local churches for a “higher education” were soon taught that the standards taught by their pastor were obsolete. The new motto became, “As goes the colleges...so goes the churches.” The problem with that statement is twofold. First, it is what has happened, and second, **it is unscriptural!**

The Bible says, “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and **do the first works**; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

God’s Word plainly commands His work be done through the local church. The Bible says, “...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” (First Timothy 3:15) For nearly 2000 years we were content to do God’s work God’s way.

Jesus said, “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46) **The Bible says**, “But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD,...then shall the hand of the LORD be against you.” It has happened to us as it happened to Israel. **The Bible says**, “...they obeyed not thy voice,...therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:” (Jeremiah 32:23)

IT IS A TIME FOR TEACHING THE FAITHFUL

Years ago I sat in the meetings at Hyles Pastor’s school and heard him time, and time again ridicule “the deeper life Christians.” Being a young pastor with a goal to have the largest church in Canada I was greatly influenced by this unscriptural nonsense. **Are we supposed to be shallow life Christians?** A large number of Scripturally ignorant Christians sitting in churches listening to a shallow preachers preaching shallow

messages is not success in God’s definition of the term success.

THE PASTOR’S RESPONSIBILITY

“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.” (Verse 5) The pastor is commanded to do four things in this verse.

“WATCH.”

Strong’s Concordance says this word means, “to be sober, to be calm and collected in spirit.”

“ENDURE AFFLICTION”

You can rest assured, if the pastor preaches the whole counsel of God in this age of fundamental apostasy, he will have some affliction.

“DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST”

“Evangelist” was the name given to New Testament heralds of salvation through Christ who were not apostles.” (Strong’s Concordance) This is not a time to cry about the last dark days when nothing can be done. This is a time to herald God’s plan of salvation. God’s plan of salvation is, “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:5)

“MAKE FULL PROOF OF THY MINISTRY”

Full proof means “to carry through to the end, to accomplish what was started.” **Don’t Compromise And Don’t quit!**

Conclusions

WHAT WE ARE SAYING AND NOT SAYING

We are saying that our modern day fundamentalism has little in common with what is taught in First and Second Timothy.

We are saying when the New Testament refers to heretics it refers to *Christians* teaching false doctrine.

We are saying those who teach Calvinism are teaching what God calls heresy.

We are saying those who teach that repentance is not necessary for salvation are teaching what God calls a “damnable heresy.”

We are saying the Bible commands Christians to separate from all Christians who teach heresy.

We are saying that mind manipulate decisions concerning salvation are producing unsaved church members in what we call fundamental churches.

We are saying a large crowd of immature Christians sitting in a church service is not a successful church in God’s definition of success.

We are saying the Bible commands the pastor to clean up the problems in the local church he pastors.

We are saying that in these days of apostasy if a pastor preaches and teaches the Word as he is commanded to preach and teach it, **in most cases** he will end up with a small number who will remain faithful.

We are saying when everyone forsook Christ and when everyone forsook Paul the apostle that neither one of them were failures.

We are saying that if Christ or Paul had compromised to keep people listening to them they would both have sinned by compromising.

We are saying that a pastor who compromises the Scriptures in anyway to keep people in the church is a compromiser.

We are saying that all of First and Second Timothy was written to the pastor and the pastor would do well to preach it all to himself before he preaches it to his people.

We are saying that the pastor who expects his people to obey the Word of God while he refuses to obey the Word of God is a hypocrite.

We are saying any pastor who allows “*vain babblers*” to continue to “*babble*” in his church will soon pay a serious price for it.

We are saying that the reason apostasy has flooded our fundamental churches in recent days is because pastors have allowed it to happen.

We are saying that the reason we have Christians sitting in our churches with no concept of spiritual things is because pastors have failed in the area of preaching and teaching the Word of God.

We are saying there never has been a time in the last two thousand years when the following Scripture was more applicable. “*For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God...*” (First Peter 4:17)

WHAT WE ARE NOT SAYING

We are not saying that every large fundamental church is compromising. There are some large fundamental churches where the Bible is faithfully preached without compromise, and God has blessed with numerical growth. For example, FaithWay Baptist Church in Ajax, Ontario, has not compromised, and God has blessed them with a large numerical growth. (There are others)

We are not saying that we should slow down in our effort to reach lost people. Matthew 28:19-20 says, “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”



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