

Mastering the Master's Church



The Contagious Church

“Large numbers don’t necessarily reveal God’s blessing. They could, in fact, reveal error. They could reflect an ear-tickling ministry that panders to people and tells the crowds what they want to hear, instead of what they need to hear.”

IT'S THE PEOPLE!!!

Enter 2 Timothy 4:1-4

1) We Must Be Strong in Grace:

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a) Saving Grace: Eph. 2:5

b) Sustaining Grace: 2 Cor. 12:9

c) Progressive Grace: Romans 6:1-14

“Sadly, an alarming number of churches today are being told what they want to hear rather than what they need to hear. They are being spoon-fed warm milk, not being challenged to digest solid meat. A watered-down teaching ministry will usually attract crowds for a while, but it has no eternal impact.”

Titus 2:11-15; “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.”

2) Must Be Strong in Discipleship:

Matthew 28:19-20; *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Howard Hendricks stated: “Every Christian needs at least three individuals in their lives. They need someone who has come before them who mentors them. They need another beside them to share their burden. And they need someone behind them whom they are mentoring. Otherwise, we grow stagnant. The church then becomes a place where Christians sit, soak, and sour. The results, no contagion, no application, and change. No passing the baton, no multiplication, just stagnation.”

3) We Must Be A Place of
Hardship and Fellowship:

4) We Must Be A Place of
Selfless Endurance:

2 Timothy 2:10; *“For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.”*