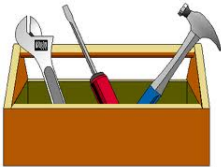


Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

How to Build a Great Church

It takes very little planning to wreck a building or a business, but it takes skillful planning and diligent work to build. It’s easy to kill a church, but it takes thought and persistence to build a great church. The great churches of our land did not just happen. They have been built through persistent effort. Here are a few suggestions for building a great church:



1. Never allow a day to pass without taking time to pray for your church and it’s purpose in this world.
2. Never speak to anyone without praising your Lord and the work of the church. Criticism is often heard louder and more often than praise. See that praise is louder.
3. Never fail to be friendly to anyone in all church services, especially newcomers and absentees. Nothing in the world can substitute for old fashioned friendliness.
4. Never make attending church less important than social engagements, secular meetings, sporting events, or anything else. There is no greater power for a church than that of members who put God first.
5. Never refuse an opportunity to serve. Be willing to serve anywhere you are asked. All service ranks the same with God.
6. Attend ever service. The church hurts when you are not here. We miss you and more importantly, God misses you.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to establish and build His kingdom. He told Peter “on this rock I will build my church” (Matt. 16:18). The apostles started building Christ’s church in the first century and now the torch has been passed to us. What are we doing to build the church that Christ established? Are we building a church that will last through all eternity? Or are we destroying a once thriving kingdom? It’s time to put our work gloves on and start building!

~ Kevin

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Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo

“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” - Psalm 119:151

Bible Word of the Week

ζωή – zoe – life
(zo-ay’)

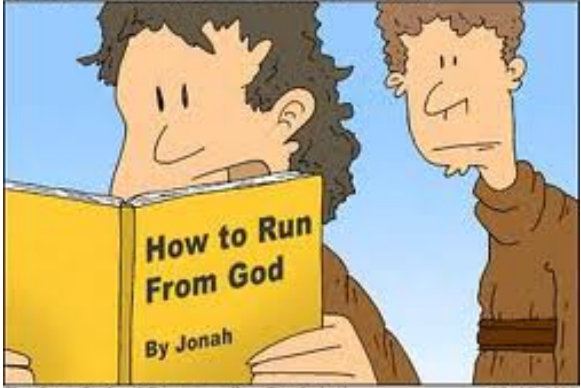
Definition: life.

Sentence: “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to ζωή, and there are few who find it.”

Matthew 7:14



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Thanks to Richard German (See Jonah 1-4)

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IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

“But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.”

Jonah 1:3

“I am sorry for men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and pleasure.”
~ Woodrow Wilson

“I am a Bible bigot. I follow it in all things, both great and small.”
~ John Wesley

BIBLE FACTS:

1. The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is a cat.
2. Sheep are the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible.
3. The phrase “Do not be afraid” is found 365 times in the Bible. One time for every day to remind us never to be afraid!



Finding Your Passion

Scripture Reading: 1 Thess. 5:16-22

❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:19

- “Do not _____ the spirit”
- “Do not put out the spirit’s _____”

Fervent – “heat or hot, zeal, without ceasing”

- “Fervent in spirit” (Acts 18:25)
- “Fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16)

❖ Lack of Passion

- Going through the _____
- Spiritually _____
- Spiritually _____
 - Rev. 2:4; 3:15-16

❖ Finding Our Passion

- R _____...
 - What Christ has _____
 - What brought us to _____
- R _____ with God
 - 2 Tim. 2:15; Joshua 1:8
- T _____
 - Use them!!!!
 - Hospitality, teaching, speaking, serving, visiting, writing cards, listening to a friends, phone calls, making meals, etc.
- W _____ in a worthy manner
 - Passion of the _____
 - Matt. 18:3-4
 - Psalm 47:5-7; 145:1-3
 - Give God our _____

This Morning’s Sermon:

Finding Your Passion

Kevin Harrington

This Evening’s Sermon:

Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets

Kevin Harrington

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Fourteen Ways To Kill A Church

1. *Attend only when convenient.*
2. *When you attend, arrive late.*
3. *Grumble about having to attend.*
4. *Criticize the elders and preacher in front of your friends and family.*
5. *Refuse to accept any responsibility in the worship service. If you ever do accept any, do it grudgingly and neglect it often.*
6. *Never study the lessons.*
7. *Always show your lack of interest in the lesson.*
8. *Appear relieved when the sermon is over. Act as if you’ve wasted your time.*
9. *Refuse to welcome visitors; make them feel that you belong and they don’t.*
10. *Criticize every new idea that’s suggested.*
11. *Dominate discussions; always insist that your opinion is right.*
12. *Regard the teachers of your children as “babysitters”*
13. *Show your distrust or disapproval of elders and teachers when they call you at home.*
14. *Never sacrifice for services; leave that to someone else.*

(Church Bulletin Bits)

What is our attitude in worship? Why do you come to worship service? Does your attitude reflect the feelings of the Psalmist who wrote “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us enter into the house of the Lord’” (Psalm 122:1)?

It’s amazing how people view worship service. Some people view it as a time to catch up on sleep, to have someone else watch their kids, or to mess around while the preacher is talking. God meant this time to be an opportunity to grow closer to Him. A lot of people want a better relationship with God, but they don’t know how to go about it. My suggestion would be to start taking worship seriously.

This is an opportunity to give our best to the Creator. This is an opportunity to show Him how much we love Him by singing songs and offering prayers in His name. Respect God and what we do in a worship service.

- Kevin



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