

SPECIAL REPORT

PART FOUR: SUMMARY ITEMS THE CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT

SERIOUS SYMPTOMATIC PROBLEMS IN TODAY'S CHURCHES BASED ON FOUR MAJOR CAUSES WITH THEIR IMPACTS AND INDICATED SOLUTIONS

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John 2:6

***the one who says he abides in Him ought himself
to walk in the same manner as He walked.***

John 5:19

***.... "the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is
something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the
Father does, these things the Son also does in like
manner.***

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REPORT IMPORTANCE: There is a world-wide Church Growth Movement that is leading our churches into a massive falling away from God's best. The falling away is helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. The Movement targets the youth to bring long-term social change. It works for numbers using a dumbed-down training without also teaching God's Whole Counsel to mature believers in Christ-likeness. Even possibly doing some good things, the Movement is falling away from God's to a human plan. It, itself, attempts to work things together for good instead of only trusting God. The problem is not with what it teaches, but instead, what it leaves out of its teachings, such as true salvation, living under Christ's Lordship, and pursuing maturity in Christ.

The movement is working (inadvertently?) to bring the world instead of all of God into the Church. It trains people to meet man's felt needs from a human love perspective. This can be good, but it generally omits sufficiently teaching God's program under Christ's Lordship needed to gain the maturity in Christ-likeness that allows us to know and relate to God toward His fullness both now, but especially in eternity. Apart this living with God, there is nothing.

This report describes this movement, its goals and impacts, and why it is happening. It presents what we should do now if we want God's best and to avoid participating unknowingly in this wrong church movement, not gaining the maturity in Christ that He wants us to have. The main report brings an overall understanding. It is a bit long, but stick with it. There are many aspects.

INFORMATION SOURCES: This report uses information taken from: (1) the many referenced publications and (2) my web site detailed reports that develop the teachings from Scripture. These references are listed at the report's end. You are encouraged to read them. We cannot be sure of all the details re the trends because we do not have complete information - such as what individual churches are doing. But observation, the literature, and the internet show clearly the trends are happening. **There are exceptions in many churches to everything we share. Many churches are not so involved, have a mixture, or not involved at all in the trends. They have greater ministry.**

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**Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;
2 Chronicles 16:9**

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**SUMMARY:
IMPACTS THAT RESULT FROM
THE CHURCH'S CAUSE-SOURCE PROBLEMS**

Not attempting to mature their people at the higher skill levels and not attempting to evangelize entire local areas can be sins of omission. As a result, our church people, not being matured and involved in God's work, will:

1. Give less glory to God; (Our Lord said that He glorified His Father because He accomplished all the work that His Father gave Him to do.)
2. Not send as much spiritual wealth on ahead.
3. Not receive as many heavenly rewards that God wants to give. (We are judged for our works.)
4. Show less than desired actual love for God when we dumb down, do not do area-wide evangelism, and use rock music.
5. Not recognize the signs of the soon-coming endtimes Tribulation.
6. **Be helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation by our inadequate obedience.●2**
7. **Have the most severe impact of having less maturity with less spiritual capability by which to know and relate to God in His depth-breadth in eternity.●3**
8. **Not living by strong faith in God to act according to His Word, people will learn much less of the Bible. (Those not walking by strong faith will not have discernment of the Scriptures.**

1. **SUMMARY:** The **SUMMARY** of this Report is a separate document on my web site.

2. **BRINGING THE TRIBULATION:** God allows Satan to bring the endtimes Tribulation after the Church's obedience, particularly in America, falls below His standards. The Tribulation comes from at least two points of view. One is that God uses the Tribulation to polarize the world's people in a formal acceptance or denial of the Gospel before He will bring the Rapture. Satan uses his clamp down in the Tribulation to help him prevent some of the elect from believing and prevent the elect from accomplishing some of God's chosen work. He must do this if he is to win the spiritual warfare over Christ. It will not happen.

3. **MANY LEVELS:** There most likely will be many maturity levels of Christians in heaven as there will be many punishment levels in the Lake of Fire.

This appears to be happening in the Movement. They are trusting themselves using man's ways instead of trusting God, using His ways, to work all things together for good.)

Apart from this relationship in #7 and knowing and relating to God, there is nothing. What else is there? ●4 This is most serious if we do not gain the maximum maturity that God wants us to have. There is no recovery after death that we know about by which we can increase our maturity in Christ.

MAJOR ITEMS AND IMPACTS SUMMARY: The more mature we are in Christ, being involved in His work, we can send more spiritual wealth on ahead and receive more righteous rewards that God wants to give. ***But most of all, we bring more glory to God. As stated, we only glorify God when we live out and accomplish what He gave us to do. We cannot glorify God when we live doing things from ourselves as a source. Thus, with more maturity, living by greater love and greater faith, we will glorify Him more.***

Part of our maturing, then, is to learn to live by great faith. We will walk by faith in eternity because we will never see God the Father. This is the concept of our faith walk in heaven as we can know now. **We must learn to live by great faith now.** Then we will gain more revelation from God and be used by greater ways by God. This combined with living by mature love, we will get to know more of God and His glory and ways. This is of high value. Nothing apart from Him, His ways, and what He puts in us, has value. ●5

We will see the Lord Jesus Christ. We will see the Father in Christ as Christ lives out His life before us. He will be our teacher, but we will walk by faith in that God the Father exists, and He will do what the Lord Jesus says He will do. In heaven, He will be our Bible and a witness that the Father lives. As we walk by faith that God is leading us, others will also see God the Father in us. The Bible teaches that no man or angel has seen God the Father. But in heaven? ●6

4. BEST TO HAVE SOMETHING THAN NOTHING: However, as stated, it is better to become a Christian and go to heaven with little maturity than not to be a Christian and not go to heaven. So using contemporary rock music and dumbing down training may bring limited useful results, even though it is far away from God's best. It is much less than excellence before God. But maybe we cannot bring most of our young people today to excellence before God. ***But in my view, there are still a few young people out there that want the best of God and want to do things only His way. We should search for these young people and help disciple and mature them in Christ.***

5. MY DECEASED WIFE: My wife lived a life giving great praise to God using the Psalms, lived by sacrificial love always serving others, and lived by great faith in His Greatness to bring the needed results in life. Her life gave great glory to God. Every time she prayed, she would read part of a Psalm that declared God's Greatness. She worked in His service training and evangelizing children. She had a great heart for God. She always wanted the best of God. She lived a life of great testimony to others.

6. SEE GOD THE FATHER BY FAITH AND BY THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF CHRIST: Satan in the early or far past before people was no doubt taught by the Lord Jesus, but did not obey because he was not using faith that what our Lord taught came from God the Father. He wanted to do things his way. He sinned, being enamored with himself. He did not believe what the Lord taught came from God the Father. He acted like the Most High God, wanting to be in charge. He wanted to be equal with God (Christ). He may not even know about God the Father for he has never seen Him and never will. We know Him because of what the Bible teaches. We most likely will never see Him either because of His immensity. We will see the Lord Jesus Christ. And as our Lord taught, he who has seen our Lord, has also seen the Father. This can be true in heaven also. Our Lord did only what came from the Father as the source of all living and direction. We will always have to live by faith and believe that all we are thinking and doing came from the Father, not from us. So should we not teach our church people and families now how to walk by strong faith? This is what I believe.

We must realize that there will be millions of Christians in heaven. We most likely all cannot be close to Christ
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God reveals things to us as we walk by faith (Romans 1:17). If we want to know as much about God as we can, we need now to develop a great and mature faith walk with God. We have to walk by great faith in order to live without sin.

2 Peter 1:3-8 - seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Along with faith, we need to have love that is lived out. We show or demonstrate our love to God and abide in His love when we keep His commandments. Of course in eternity, He will direct every thought and action for how we will live. Such today is equivalent to commandments in the Scriptures. We will obey from our love, not as robots. He can lead us in greater and more mature ways if we have greater maturity to live by love. So we should respond now to develop and live by this greater maturity in love now. This means we must do things His way, not by our ways

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 - If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:13 - But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

We activate our faith in the Father to keep His promises as we execute the instructions with the promises. As we walk by strong faith, we will receive more revelation from God the Father. We will walk by faith to believe that everything we are thinking and doing came from the Father through Christ to us. When will do, we live without sin and gain revelation of God and His will for us. As we walk by love, obeying God's commandments from our love for Him, we will live holy, righteously, know His heart, and have great fellowship with Him and each other. But this life requires maturity in Christ-likeness walking as our Lord walked. This maturity must be developed now.

In any case, whatever we believe, God commands us to pursue this maturity. So we have no option but to pursue it. So we should not go to the seeker-friendly approach without also training in depth-breadth to mature our people, especially including our children and youth. We should put our gung ho and faithful as our first priority. How well is this happening in our churches? Do we have curriculum and training for this to occur? Do we need to develop one?

It is mandatory we leave, not join, and not participate in the Church Growth Movement concept with its dumbing down if we are to develop maturity with mature love and mature faith. (Not finding a Church, we may have to go to the best Church we can find and then, also, have our own home fellowship, attempting to do things right under God.)

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in a physical sense. There appears to be a chain of command in heaven (e.g. ruling over 5 cities or ten cities in the parable). We, all, will receive direction from the Father through Him and the Holy Spirit. It can be in a different way than we know now. If spiritually, we can occupy the same space, so to speak, we can all be physically close to Christ. We will have to wait and see what the conditions will be. But they will be great.

POTENTIAL JUDGMENT

(Church and family leadership should pay attention.)

But because the Church Growth Movement, to us, is a semi apostate movement that is going world-wide, leading to the Tribulation, and implementing satanic strategy, the judgment can be severe for those promoting and using it. They are leading thousands of people away from God's best, gaining maturity in Christ, sending wealth on ahead, and to receive the rewards that God wants to give.

Very seriously as a result of the above, and those who are involved in the Church Growth Movement, Church leaders and pastors can be subject to severe judgment and discipline in the coming Tribulation. ●7This can be particularly true if they are not training their people for maturity, doing evangelism, and having proper worship that they know they should do, but are not doing it. When the church leadership falls away followed by the church people, this leads to the rest of the nation's people going into great sin. ***Leadership, in one sense, is helping people to sin, by not training them to become mature in Christ where Christ leads everything and thus, to less sin. Leadership is subject to great judgment. We all may face some judgment.***

James 3:1 - Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.

When this combined sin in God's endtimes favored nation of the United States crosses God allowable sin threshold, God allows Satan to bring the calamity that places the world under Revelation's world government of the Tribulation. This tells us that one primary cause of the Tribulation's coming is the fault of the falling away of Church leadership and then of the church people. Thus, the church is primarily responsible for the Tribulation coming. Thus, she will go through it for divine discipline and to gain more maturity in Christ-likeness needed for eternity. ***If we will not listen to and obey God in peace time, maybe we will have another opportunity, but under the discipline brought by the Tribulation with its world government.*** God uses the Tribulation as a means to terminate history. It leads to our Lord's Second Coming when the Rapture occurs.

Our church leaders should and probably know and believe the Bible teaches that they should do area-wide evangelism and mature their people. But they are not attempting to do it, or at least working for spiritual growth, they may believe they are doing it. (They are method, not outcome oriented.) It is not a priority with them. The Bible teaches that those who know what to do and do not do it, for them it is sin. Thus, leaders (probably all of us) can expect God's judgment such as can be implemented in the coming disciplinary Tribulation. The Scriptures teach that judgment begins with the household of God - you and me.

1 Peter 4:17 - For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

However, our churches do not appear concerned about judgment coming upon them when they do not use God's methods to draw and mature people. They instead use loud rock and other contemporary music in order to reach the young people. They believe if they do not, they will not reach and draw the young people. But is this the best way under God? What Scripture should one use?

With my insufficient faith, I know that I am terrified of what can happen to me if I am not doing all of God's will that I know. Thus, I am searching the Scriptures, doing much personal evaluation, and making some changes. I encourage you to do the same.

Churches and families need now to evaluate themselves. There no doubt are some good things

7. **JUDGEMENT:** We may all experience some judgment.

happening in these churches. We are addressing that the Church Growth Movement churches are mainly implementing only part of what God wants done (not even addressing God's main objective of taking people to maturity in Christ) and are using the world's rather than biblical methods and music. But is it of God? Maybe some things are. I cannot go with it because I want the best of God for myself, my family, my people, and my church. I believe it is helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation, and it is bringing eternal harm to its people. Thus, I cannot see how this movement can be much of God. But is God using it?

Study and examine the causes of this movement, presented earlier, and make your own judgments.

THE BOTTOM LINE - ETERNAL ASPECTS *(Forfeiture of God's Best)*

Those locked into the Church Growth Movement with its practices and loud dominate rhythmic music are forfeiting their ability to know and relate to God in more of His depth-breadth, especially in eternity. They are forfeiting the best they can have in a deep and intimate relationship with God now and especially throughout eternity. Of course all things will be good in eternity. But why not have God's best as He is directing us now that if we respond, we can have. How can I say it any plainer? Sure we all need help. We can help each other. But we have to aim in the correct direction with excellence and commitment. Whatever has been the past and is now, lets work together to have the best future we can have toward His best. Are you game?

SOLUTIONS TO THE CHURCH MOVEMENT SITUATION: SO WHAT APPROACH SHOULD WE TAKE?; WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

SELF CHECK: *Our church leaders should determine if they are training to mature their people with a curriculum representing God's Whole Counsel. They should check to see if they are training their people to do personal and group evangelism. Are they placing after-school Bible clubs in the elementary public schools. They should check to see if their people are actually doing evangelism, being matured, and prepared for the soon-coming Tribulation. They should determine if they are wrongly using forms of rock music.*

We need to make a commitment that we are going to stand on the Truth without falling away and without going with the current Church Growth Movement. We will no longer use rock music ever again.

Who this day will you serve?

Joshua 24:15 ".....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ●8

If not already doing so, we must take steps to mature our people and train them to do witnessing. Even in these endtimes, there will be some who will be the gung ho and the faithful. They must remain our first priority. And if we do not take steps to mature our people, it demonstrates that we, ourselves, are not mature in Christ and do not love Christ as much as we desire or think, or we would do so. What good does it do if we do not take steps to mature our people in Christ? Not doing so, in time, few will be mature in Christ.

8. **VERSE:** I placed this verse on our living room fire-place mantel as my children were growing up.

Thus, believers should attend churches that: (1) do not use contemporary loud repetitive syncopated rock-type music; (2) do not compromise the message in preaching and teaching, (3) have teaching and training in God's depth-breadth; (4) do not use the world's marketing methods, and (5) are doing significant outreach evangelism, especially of the children and the youth. They should attend churches where they can gain maturity in Christ so they can better relate to and know God in eternity. Do we have many churches today with these needed characteristics? **Are you attending or know of one? They are on the decrease. Now we may have to attend a church that is the best we can find, even though it does not meet our (hopefully God's) standards.**

Thus, we should be in a church or group that is: (1) training to become mature in Christ by training with God's Word in depth-breadth with a version of God's Whole Counsel; (2) is singing the hymns and avoiding using rock and loud dominant beat music; (3) doing local and foreign area-wide evangelism especially of the children and the youth; (4) working with priority with the gung ho and the faithful and those wanting to be; and (5) preparing for going through the soon-coming Tribulation. We should do teaching in our small groups in a vertical teaching arraignment, not in a facilitated horizontal sharing arrangement. We should be doing critical analysis of our personal and church lives and come to greater obedience before the Lord. This new situation can only be a church that is independent of the Church Growth Movement. This is important because we are not to be unequally yoked.

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Some churches have both a traditional service and a contemporary service. But this is not having unity. It is like having two churches that will work together in other things. It shows compromise and lack of discernment to have a more full obedience to God. It may, in some cases, be doing the best that one can have and do under the current circumstances. **(These churches often can have Sunday School for the youth during the traditional service forcing them to attend the contemporary service with its rock music.)**

Thus, in today's environment, even though not preferred or believed to be God's best, we may need to have two different church services with different sermons, Sunday Schools, community groups, and music. One for the gung ho and the faithful and one for the youth who will not or cannot go the distance.●9 We must work to do God's best, not organize, fellowship, worship, and have the best we can have in today's situation.●10 Although, we may not have an alternative.

Everyone should be taught the need to become mature in Christ-likeness, what constitutes maturity, and what constitutes good music. What hurts, is that mostly only the older people, who know and appreciate doctrine, most likely will go with the good music and the in-depth training. Fortunately, there are exceptions.

We can add advanced training to our Church Growth Movement churches. ***But generally many or most of those who remain under the rock music will not be interested in studying more in depth-breadth. There may be a few, so we should provide it for them. But generally those who stay in the movement can be locked in.***

9. CHURCH: I know of a church that has a traditional service with the hymns, a choir, a piano, and an organ. It also has a contemporary service with rock-type contemporary music, a worship team, guitars, and drums. Where there is good preaching and a missions program etc, what keeps the church going is its very large percentage of gung ho and very faithful people. Such churches can have problems if the percentage of these decrease or is much less. They can begin to have financial problems and the attending ministries can reduce.

10. HOME WORSHIP: I know of one family that left their church and now has a family fellowship with several families around God's Word and prayer.

We, in our view, should use a minimum and foundational training curriculum that all Church people learn. We should add other subjects for greater growth and knowing other aspects and as God leads. We can have special groups for those wanting to study some aspects in more depth-breadth.

The major topics or courses for this training, in our view, should include at least the following taught both academically and practically:●11

1. The Christian-Faith Doctrines with God's Attributes and Character Qualities - His Greatness. (See our web site doctrinal statements for doctrinal examples and paper on God's Attributes.) ●12

2. Christian-Life Relationship Principles (This consists of the above suggested training of worship, live godly, and accomplish ministry. See appendix for sample list of topics. I have taught this course for many years.) ●13 ●14

3. God's Plan for History with the Spiritual Warfare and Endtimes Prophecy: One should know what will happen in the Tribulation regardless of one's view of prophecy and that God plans that we become mature in Christ to know Him and our maturity may be fixed forever at death.●15 ●16

The training should be both academic (the what to's) and practical (the how to's) oriented. More can be added such as a study of our Lord's life and ministry in a Harmony of the Gospels and selected books of the New Testament. We should share testimony in our teaching.

These courses give us an in depth-breadth comprehensive overview at doing all that God wants done. Our papers can be studied for more detail. Christian-Faith Doctrines give us the doctrines upon what we believe, stand, and for what we are willing to die. These of course include the inspired and inerrancy of the Scriptures, God, the trinity, Christ and His Deity, the Cross, the Holy Spirit, Christ's Second Coming, and being with God forever in heaven and unbelievers being away from God forever. The Christian-Life Relationship Principles are those needed for worship, life, and ministry that take us to maturity in Christ and accomplish God's will for us now on the earth patterned after Christ's walk with the Father. As stated in the footnote. a list of needed topics for Christian-Life Relationship Principles is shared in the Appendix. I have taught these principles for many years. God's Plan tells

11. TRAINING MATERIALS: As time progresses, Lord willing, I plan to place training materials in the next few months on my web site under **TRAINING** that helps us to become mature in Christ and be prepared for eternity. Pray for me and this work. None of us know enough, but we can share what we know and pray for more insights. We can help each other. This is why I read books and materials of many others.

I am available to give seminars, talks, and teachings on these subjects.

12. DOCTRINES: As a starter, see my doctrinal statement on my web site and those of the many very good churches.

13. NEEDED TOPICS: A list of needed topics for *Christian-Life Relationship Principles* are presented in the Appendix.

14. FAITH AND LOVE: We need to walk by faith in order to learn and know the Bible. We need to walk by God's love to live holy and know God's heart. Not doing these, we end up with a humanist movement. This is happening.

15. REPORTS: On our web site, see our report: *God and His Greatness Must be Central* for the training elements and *The Pattern View of Prophecy and Endtimes Scenario As to How the Endtimes Unfold* to see how the endtimes unfold.

16. GOD'S PLAN: For God's Plan see the document on my web site: *God and His Greatness Must Be Central*. For prophecy, see my many web site reports including *The Pattern View of Prophecy* and *The Jewish Situation*.

us how all the major events of history lead us to becoming mature in Christ, the basis for why we are here, and how God plans to end history. A study of the spiritual warfare teaches the objectives and strategies of our Lord and particularly those of Satan. Bible prophecy is a study of over 40 doctrines that provide us understanding of God's Plan and how and why the endtimes unfold. I have studied all of these and continue to read the books and reports of others for continued additional insight. The above understanding and my prophecy reports are either on or will be placed on my web site. Please send me your insights.

We should teach the Word in its depth-breadth, without watering it down. We should advertise this way. We should use music that gives great praise to God. New people should be looking to have a new life, not one from the world that has come into the Church. People will come to Church and be saved because God is drawing them and working in them. He does this through His Word. Preachers and evangelists in crusades are using world music because they have not found other ways that work. But is this the only way? Is it God's way? I doubt it - certainly not His best. **(I fully realize we need to be flexible in what we do, but at the same time we need to do what our head (God) wants and not follow the world and its (our) methods.)**

I strongly believe that our young people will be drawn and attend churches and youth groups if our preaching and teaching was in depth-breadth in a most loving, caring, and understandable way. They will attend if it is life oriented founded on doctrine. It must be God and Bible oriented, not man and world oriented. They will come if we present an emphasis on the life and ministry of Christ - the benefits of walking with God and eternal benefits and the eternal penalties if one does not. ●17 They will come if we choose hymns that are dynamic and present the benefits of knowing God and the impacts of eternity.

The teaching should present God's Greatness with His attributes and character qualities. It should present why we are here so we can train to know and relate to our perfect God. It should bring challenge to become better than we are, not just join a world-driven church. It should present the need of and how to obtain justification for sin and how to walk with Christ, having a holy life - going to heaven. God will work in them, lead them, and give them help. I believe this is especially true if we get the Gospel to them in a caring manner. I believe they will come to hear the Bible if we describe the benefits of salvation, gaining maturity, knowing and walking with God, and the great attributes of our living God. We can use the more dynamic hymns.●18

Having loud rock music with drums in our youth groups, our youth do not stand much of a chance to become mature in Christ. With the limited teaching, our youth are growing up but with a limited knowledge of God's Word and without an understanding of how the endtimes will unfold. If we are to be successful with God, we must change what we are doing.

The problem comes when our churches do not live out, having a testimony of, what they believe. Why join something that is not working.●19 Why join something that is not getting the

17. **VISITING PREACHERS:** In my experience, when Bible teachers came to visit out churches and give in depth-breadth presentations with some humor such as Ian Thomas, Vernon McGee, Louis Palau, Bob Theime, Frank Logston, Ray Stedman, Don Richardson, Dick Hillis, Ron Carlson, Dallas Seminary professors, and many others, the people came in groves to hear them.

18. **SHOWING LOVE AND HONEST CONCERN:** I talked with a young lady in the gay movement. She first had a belligerent attitude. But when she sensed our love and concern for her and we told her of God's love for her, she had an attitude change and listened to the Gospel. She took our salvation booklet.

19. **WE MUST HAVE A TRUE TESTIMONY;** I once had an unbeliever as a secretary who heard the Gospel from a Christian organization. She took one look at their lives and walked away - not hearing and understanding the Gospel.

job done or going anywhere - not doing all of what God wants? ●20 ●21 Is your church getting the job done? Is it going anywhere? Why would you think so?

STATUS: *As stated, regardless what has been the past and what is the present, we should now work to have the best future we can have under God. Determine now EVERYTHING that God wants you to do and not do from His Holy Word. Put these on a large sheet of paper as described earlier under the needed approach. Then determine how you will do them with excellence and great commitment.* Confess any sin and past wrong things, particularly things that effect your people and families wrongly. Plan and work now for the best you can have.

Phillippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

ESTABLISH SMALL GROUPS FOR THE ENDTIMES: Because the Tribulation is soon coming, we should place our Church people now with urgency into small home support groups. We can train them there and in seminars in depth-breadth. Our church doors will be closed by the world government. In the Tribulation, the government will make war with the church, martyr believers, and satanically educate and indoctrinate our children and youth. It will come after us as believers. We need to put in some provisions to get through the calamity when the infrastructure will bring down.

We can review the music we are using. We should with urgency drop rock music whether or not if we continue with the contemporary melody dominate music. We should consider using the hymns and like music that has the melody dominant.

The fact that the government will close our church doors in the Tribulation maybe one reason God may be leading or at least using churches to establish many home groups regardless of the dumbing down. This is so they can continue investigation of the Bible to the degree they can and help each other in the Tribulation.

EXPECTATIONS

Old Testament Israel when warned during her apostasy and falling away, did not change what she was doing. As a result the judgment came without recourse. In like manner, few churches, even knowing of these cause-source problems that cause them to disobey, most likely will not change. Thus, they will undergo the judgment in the coming Tribulation. They will be caught aware and blind sided when the calamity of the Tribulation comes without warning.

In not obeying what they know, they are not enduring and having sound doctrine. Through their disobedience, they may have spiritual eyes that cannot see and spiritual ears that do not hear. Most churches, based on what happened to Israel in the Old Testament in similar circumstances, will not respond to this Watchman Warning (see below) until after they obey what they now know to do and are not doing it. In most cases, this is unlikely because then leaders must admit doing wrong. They most likely do not know how to do what is right to do.. Only then, God more likely will take away their spiritual blindness and deafness and allow them to obey the Watchman's Warning. What will your Church and I do?

20. WHAT IS HAPPENING: *"The point is that people are looking outside Christianity for meaning and transcendence. What has changed? Jesus Christ hasn't. But the Church has. Choosing to stay tucked away from the world, modern Christianity has all but fallen into a black hole."* Quote from *Truth Under Fire* page 71 by John Whitehead.

21. NOT EFFECTIVE: I know a person who does not go to church because the church does not do what she believes. Why join something that is organized to fail or is not going anywhere? I had a friend who left an apparently good church because, though doing good things, the church was not going anywhere.

Will your people, including your children and young people, be caught blind sided without warning and preparation when the endtimes Tribulation's calamity comes. Please train, inform, and warn your people. Work hard with the children and youth. Do not be a church whose people will be caught blind sided and unprepared. Will you be caught blind sided?

WATCHMAN WARNING

(Repeated for major emphasis)

Warning, signs and conditions now signal the Tribulation can come at any time. Then our training time and living in freedom will be gone forever. Only God knows the timing. It could come now or in the next few to many years. We can pray for more time to train our children and youth.

Clearly understand that Church and family leadership by not carrying out God's will to mature His people and to do area-wide evangelism, are primarily responsible for the coming of the endtimes Tribulation.

Do urgent self evaluation and make needed changes even if we get ten more years. Mature your people, especially your children and youth, with urgency, while you still can in freedom. Train to gain maturity and avoid using loud dominant beat music. It takes time to train. Place your people into small groups. We would be blessed in we get ten more years in order to accomplish the training. But what if we do not? Put in some provisions to get through the calamity. Otherwise you can be caught blind-sided when the calamity comes. See my prophecy reports for what to do and what can happen. It is not going to be pleasant.

THUS, MY ADVICE: Because we do not know the timing of the coming Tribulation and because signs signal it can come at any time, my suggestion is that we establish small groups, get out of the Church Growth Movement, and then:

(1) with urgency, prepare (both spiritually and provisionally) now, for whenever the Tribulation comes, for the worst of a soon-coming calamity beginning the Tribulation;

(2) have a plan, the best plan we can understand, for getting through the calamity;

(3) urgently now double and triple our ministry efforts to mature our people with an emphasis of training our children and youth because our training time will be soon truncated and our children and youth will be educated satanically by the state in the Tribulation; and

(4) with the others (1, 2, and 3) in place, keeping alert to the trends and happenings, live and minister without anxiety as if the times will continue long term. But understanding only God knows when the Tribulation will come.

BOTTOM LINE: Get out of the Church Growth Movement and pursue maturity in Christ and prepare for the soon-coming endtimes. Learn and train to live as Christ lives. Prepare to know and relate to God in His fulness and depth in eternity, Apart from this, there is nothing. Do not be caught blind sided as the calamity comes that will bring in the endtimes Tribulation.

APPENDICES

MAIN-IDEA SAMPLE TOPICS FOR CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES CURRICULUM; EACH TOPIC HAS MUCH DEPTH-BREADTH

(Many More Topics Can Be Added and May Be Needed)

- * God's Goal: Become Mature in High-skill Spiritual Ability in Christ-likeness in Relationship Living
- * Head-subordinate Relationships; Building Strong Families Learning to Live Life Patterned after the Father and Son Relationship (This Is Most Needed.)
- * Must Die to Self So God Can Work.
- * Christ in Us and We in Him. Apart from Christ and God, We Can Do Nothing. We must Abide in the Vine.
- * Life under the Holy Spirit's Leading, Filling, and Indwelling
- * Living by Faith; Claiming and Using the Promises; Have Strong Faith to Stand Strong in Christ When in Persecution: Living by Faith, We Live Without Sin and We Receive New Revelation from God.
- * Living Testing's, Trials, and Sufferings That Develop Our Faith
- * Living by Sacrificial Love That Keeps God's Commandments to Know God's Heart and to Live Holy and righteously.
- * Having a Pure Heart and Living by Hope That Keeps One Pure Free from Immorality
- * Living Necessary Attitudes, Character Qualities, and Doctrines
- * Having a Strong Prayer Life; Having Good Communication with God
- * Living God's Way under Spiritual Warfare, Avoiding Satan's Strategies
- * Learning to Teach, Lead, Witness, and Evangelize
- * Establishing and Operating Small Home Groups
- * Recognizing and Correcting Spiritual and Marriage-Family Problems; Counseling
- * Methods That Develop Our Personal Walk with God

There are more. (I am available to give seminars and teachings of these topics.)

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