



WORDS FROM
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We as the church have been entrusted with the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ and this gospel is the power of God unto salvation. The truth that we possess is not mere speculation based on the shallow opinions of men, rather it the revelation of truth breathed from God Himself Who cannot lie.

Few of us would ever deny that statement. It sounds so orthodox, so theological, so homiletical, so conservative, and so spiritual. It just has to be true.

Yet, I'm not so sure that we understand the unique power that the Church possesses. We have the one thing that the whole world needs to know, and yet we spend so much of our time doing everything else other than that one thing that we are here to do.

The greatest "marketing tool" that we possess is the gospel truth. We have "Jesus" to offer, and we believe that He's what the whole world really needs.

Why do we keep trying to advertise what we can never possibly provide? We don't have all the answers. There is no possible way that we can meet all the physical, social, emotional, and financial needs of our community. [It is our #1 business to be sure that everyone within our reach hears about Jesus and what He did on the cross to get us ready to go to Heaven.](#)

I'm afraid that many modern Church growth movements have succumbed to creating a few cheap corny strategies to draw a crowd of self-seeking followers who are more interested in getting their needs met than they are meeting up to the demands of a Holy God.

Many churches today are refusing to identify with any one denomination because a religious "label" might offend somebody. Others are now even changing their names refusing to be called a "church" and settling for being called a "center" or a "family."

I'm confused! I don't understand churches that no longer preach and teach from the Bible and rarely ever mention the cross.

Why in an attempt to be "seeker sensitive" has the modern church watered down its methods in trying to imitate the pagan world? How can we ever change our world if we're always trying to be more like the world were trying to change?

Think about it, no matter how good our music sounds, there will always be somebody in Nashville or New York who does it better. Let's be honest, our skits will probably never be as good as those on Saturday Night Live. Our "hand out" programs will never compare to government based multimillion dollar incentives that reward laziness and idleness. No matter how big our buildings or how much money we've got in the bank, the world will have bigger!

I have a simple word for the church: **Let's just give the world Jesus!**

It seems to me that we have gotten lost in this consuming crave for entertainment. People are running from church to church in search of something that's "new" and "exciting." Wherever it's "happening" in their city, that's where they want to be. Their question is always the same: "What can your church do for me and my family?" Just once I'd like to tell them: "Nothing!! Not one single thing that you probably couldn't get at some other church down the road!"

The church needs some people who know that God sent them to that church so that they could serve God through the ministries of that local church!

Rather than trying to always be innovative and manipulative, the least we can do is to be honest! We believe that we have the truth.

It is a strange day. Many have exchanged the glorious hymns of the faith which teach sound doctrine and promote holy living among Christians for a shallow chanting of musical rounds which stirs our emotions and promotes flesh. Many have traded sound Bible preaching for fill-in-the-blank lessons on pop psychology and positive thinking that now send sinners away from church feeling better about themselves, but still lost without Jesus.

Many have toned down the demands of discipleship by removing offensive words like sin, conviction, and repentance from their spiritual vocabulary. Some have somehow managed to take the fire out of hell, the blood out of the Bible, and the holiness out of Christian living. In so doing, Christ is totally left out out of Christianity!

May I remind you that what's "new" today will be gone and barely remembered in 20 years. But the truth shall remain!

I'm not changing my mind about Jesus. He's all we've got to offer this world, and He's the only source of power that separates the Church from any other human organization on the earth.

We'll make no apologies for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly and boldly. That's what the Church is here to do! In every thing else that we may try to do, we will not sacrifice the great opportunity of giving to people what they need by merely offering them what they want instead. AMEN & AMEN!

See you in church!
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