

TRUSTING GOD *through* **MINISTRY SEASONS**



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Text: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 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.”
(2 Timothy 4:5-8)

INTRODUCTION

7 MINISTRY IMPACTING TRENDS

- 1. The Pace Is Faster
- 2. Change is Accelerating
- 3. Expectations Are Higher
- 4. Mobility Continues
- 5. Cultural Corruption Continues
- 6. Nation Is Turning from God
- 7. Church Continue to Compromise

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”
(Matthew 24:12)

Quote: “The modern church is lacking in its ability to remain uncontaminated by the unchristian thinking and morality of contemporary culture.”
—Kent Hughes

3 ETERNAL PROMISES

- 1. God Will Not Try You Above Which You Are Able
- “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”* (1 Corinthians 10:13)

2. The Lord Is Our Helper

“So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” (Hebrews 13:6)

3. Jesus Promised He Will Build His Church

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

1. MAINTAIN _____

A. The Perspective of _____

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” (Genesis 6:5)

“Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” (Genesis 19:24–26)

“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.” (Acts 8:4)

B. The Perspective of _____

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;” (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” (2 Timothy 3:1)

C. The Perspective of _____

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)

CONFIDENT IN HIS WORKING

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” (Philippians 1:6)

CONFIDENT IN HIS KNOWLEDGE

“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:29–31)

2. BUILD _____

A. Through _____

IN FELLOWSHIP

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.”
(John 15:4)

“And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.” (1 Samuel 30:6)

IN HOLINESS

Quote: “A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine.”—**D.L. Moody.**

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”
(Ecclesiastes 12:13)

Quote: “We fear men so much because we fear God so little.”

B. Through _____

Quote: “Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time.”—**Oswald Chambers**

“And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hands.” (1 Samuel 17:47)

C. Through _____

“Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 27:17)

GODLY

REPLENISHING

NO GUILE

STABLE

“My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.” (Psalm 57:7)

D. Through _____

Quote: “We do not rest because our work is done; we rest because God commanded it and created us to have a need for it.”

Quote: “A sacrificial life will always be unfinished.”

“And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.” (Mark 6:31-32)

Quote: “Taking time for adequate rest humbly acknowledges our dependence on God’s intervention in our lives.”

—**Stewarding Life**

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.” (Psalm 127:1-2)

3. CLARIFY YOUR _____

Quote: “Skill is successfully walking over Niagara Falls on a tightrope—wisdom is not trying.”

A. _____

“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our lord, both theirs and ours.” (1 Corinthians 1:2)

B. _____

WORSHIP

EDIFICATION

FELLOWSHIP

SOULS

Quote: “The heart is happiest when it beats for others.”

C. _____

PURPOSE OF LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH

1. Love God Fervently
2. Grow Together Biblically
3. Reach Others Passionately

MINISTRY PATH OF LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH

1. Worship

“O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.” (Psalm 34:3)

2. Community

“For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;” (Philippians 1:5)

3. Commitment

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

4. Service

“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

5. Outreach

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” (Matthew 28:19)

4. EXECUTE YOUR _____

Quote: “The average man’s problem is not ‘disorganization.’ It is a lack of discipline or a lack of holy passion or both.”

A. Plan Your _____

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?” (Luke 14:28)

EARLY

Quote: “The secret of our success is in daily agenda.”

ACCORDING TO YOUR PURPOSE

B. Train Your _____

“For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee.” (Titus 1:5)

Quote: “It is only as we develop others around us that we permanently succeed.”

Quote: “To add, develop followers; to multiply, develop leaders.”

ROLES

RELATIONSHIPS

REPORTING

Quote: “People don’t respect what we don’t inspect.”

6 WAYS TO TRAIN YOUR STAFF

1. Group Reading
2. Weekly Training
3. Annual Retreats
4. Guest Speakers
5. Time Management Training
6. Technical Training

Quote: “The only thing worse than training a staff member that leaves for another church is to not train him and have him stay.”

C. Work Your _____

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.” (1 Corinthians 3:10)

Quote: “A dream without a plan is a wish.”

**4 STEP OUTREACH AND
ASSIMILATION STRATEGY**

1. Canvass

*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”
(Acts 1:8)*

2. Connection Group

3. Core Class

4. Continue Discipleship

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”
(2 Timothy 2:2)*

D. Assess Your _____

WEEKLY

QUARTERLY

CONCLUSION

*“For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”
(Malachi 3:6)*

