



UNITED IN FAITH

*The Church Where You are Loved in the Lord
and Taught from His Word*

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Power. God's power. Without it, no church, no matter how big or small, can genuinely represent Him and His hope in this world.

We can and do lose His power and the capacity to genuinely reflect and represent Him. Some of His first disciples experienced that loss. In Luke 9:37-41, we find them defined by words that should never define those representing Christ: "but they could not." According to 1 Corinthians 4:20, "the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

We lose God's power when:

We lack humility (Luke 9:46-48). The disciples were attempting to use God's power to prove their own greatness.

We lack compassion (Luke 9:49-50, 54-55). God has poured out His power into our lives so that we can display His compassion in the world. He's not going to pour His power into our lives if we're seeking to use it to power up on others or tear them down.

We lack faith (Matt. 17:19-20). The disciples lost God's power because they had so little faith in Jesus. They had too little faith in the One who had given them the power in the first place. We need to remember that huge faith in the wrong person means nothing, whereas small faith in Jesus can (and does) change the world.

We lack prayer (Mark 9:28-29). This failure taught the disciples that prayer was the essential foundation for all effective living and ministry. We need to learn the same truth. Apart from Him, we can do "nothing."

Too often, when our churches (big or small) aren't making a difference in peoples' lives or the world, it's because we have the "form of godliness," but we're "denying its power." The good news is that we can get it back by admitting our need, remembering the plot, believing in God's ability and refusing to do anything apart from prayer—full dependence on Him. When we do, we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

KEYS TO THE HARVEST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD



1. SEED

Mark 4:31-32

Without the seed there can be no harvest. The Word of God is the seed that must be planted in the hearts of men. Tiny seeds can become big trees.

2. SEASON

John 4:35

Harvest must take place during the harvest season, if not the harvest will be ruined. If we fail to harvest souls will be lost.

3. SERVANTS

Matthew 21:28-30

During the harvest time there is a great need for harvesters or servants. Willing and obedient. Every believer is called to servanthood and the harvest.

4. SOIL

Mark 4:8

Seed sown on thorny rocky soil will fail to yield fruit. Only in good soil will the ground produce 30, 60, and 100 fold. Therefore it is important to prepare the soil before planting. Through prayer the hearts of the people will be receptive to the Gospel.

5. SACRIFICE

Psalms 126:5-6

The fifth key to the harvest is the willingness to focus and sacrifice. ie. Time, money, comfort, convenience, energy. Without the element of sacrifice the people will not get wholeheartedly involved in the harvest.

6. SHOWERS

1 Corinthians 12:3

Rain is indispensable for a good crop. The Holy Spirit is indispensable for the harvest of souls. Without the Spirit of God all effort will be in vain.

7. SURE HOPE

Galatians 6:9 Romans 12:11

Sure hope and confidence with expectations that God will use us to bring the Harvest. All our efforts must be undertaken with a firm assurance that God will do it!! If we lose our confidence we will get discouraged and sink into doubt and reluctance. Labouring in faith, God will grant an abundant Harvest. Hebrews 10:35. Do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

Where to Find It in the Bible



The Bible is God's Word and contains His answers to the problems and questions that are common to us all. So if you need spiritual help, read these passages of Scripture:

DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

Afraid: *Matthew 10:16-31; Hebrews 12:1-2*

Assurance: *Romans 8:16, 38-39; 1 John 5:10-13*

Comfort: *John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 12:9*

Crisis: *Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 121; Hebrews 4:16*

Death: *John 14; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Philippians 1:21-23*

Depressed: *Psalm 34; 139; Romans 8*

Discouraged: *Psalm 23; 42; Isaiah 40; Matthew 5:1-12*

Doubts: *John 20:24-31; Hebrews 11*

Forgiveness: *Psalm 51; Acts 13:38-39; 1 John 1:9*

Lonely: *Psalm 27; Hebrews 13:5; 1 John 1:7*

Tempted: *Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 4:7*

Truth of God's Word: *2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*

Worried: *Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:4:6-9*

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Admit that you have sinned: *Romans 3:10,23*

Realize that sin brings spiritual death:
Romans 6:23

Admit that you can't save yourself:
Ephesians 2:8-9

Recognize Jesus as the Savior you need:
John 20:31; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:8

Personally trust Jesus As your Savior:
Matthew 11:28; John 1:12-13; 6:37; Romans 10:9-10



WHY I TITHE TESTIMONY

"THE TITHE"

By Benisha Blake

I am a tither! The tithe is the Lord's, and it is a privilege and honor to give Him 10% of all my income. When I am obedient to do so, then the windows of heaven are opened to me and they pour out overwhelming blessings of abundance. Because I am a tither, God has promised to rebuke the devourer for my sake. Therefore, the devourer in my life. My possessions don't wear out as quickly as they used to. They last much longer than their normal life expectancy. Even my vehicles last longer and run better and my household appliances work better and longer than normal. Satan's strategies to steal, hinder, or stop my financial blessings are rendered null and void.

When I give my tithe, I honor the Lord and declare that my financial prosperity is independent of the world's system. No matter what the economy does, my finances are blessed. No matter what the stock market does, my finances are blessed. No matter what the interest rates are, my finances are blessed. No matter what the price of gas, God will supply all of my needs.

Because I am faithful to God He has been faithful to me. Scripture Genesis 28:20-22; Malachi 3:10-11.

MALACHI 3:10

BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE. TEST ME IN THIS," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY, "AND SEE IF I WILL NOT THROW OPEN THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT SO MUCH BLESSING THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ROOM ENOUGH FOR IT.

5 THINGS THAT KEEP A CHURCH SMALL AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

by R. Larry Moyer

Most churches start small. The problem is that some stay small.

The even bigger problem is that sometimes that smallness is due to distorted thinking on the part of the leaders and lay people alike.

What does that thinking look and sound like, and how might it be overcome?

1. Blame it on God

"If God wants our church to grow, it will grow." What an easy way out. Now the blame shifts from us to Him. Does that mean that churches that are growing are the result of God playing favorites?

Where is such thinking found in Scripture? It isn't. If a church is small because few people live within driving distance from the church, that is understandable. But otherwise, God wants a church to grow because it's winning the lost to Christ and discipling them to reach others.

2. Seeing the neighbor but not the neighborhood

No one could or would question the value of one's soul, but God's love doesn't stop with one; it extends to everyone. It's not the person up the street that needs Jesus; it's every person on every street.

The answer: Vision. Specialize in contacts and let God specialize in conversions. Bring Christ to everyone within driving distance of the church. As the Seed is sown, God in His time will bring forth fruit.

3. Have a church that is spiritually attractive, put physically repulsive

Forgive my frankness, but some churches look like the building needs to be redeemed, not just the people. Scripture says man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. Both parts of that sentence are true, not just one part. God looks at the heart, but man looks at the outward appearance.

Drive past the church as a non-Christian. Would your church beckon me in or scare me away? It's amazing what a little paint, a flowerbed, a cleanup crew, and a little remodeling will do.

4. Shifting pastors every few years

Anything solid is built on consistent long-term stability. Starting over in any organization every few years is seldom productive. Adjustment and readjusting takes its toll.

The answer: Go for long-term leaders—ones who come to stay and develop a reputation that enhances that of the church. That way the community not only becomes part of them, they become part of the community.

5. No prayer, no planning

Planning without prayer doesn't work nor does prayer without planning. An unbeatable combination is when God does His part and we do ours. Some churches stay small though because they don't always ask God to do His part.

The answer: Pray as you plan and plan as you pray. For the sake of the lost, ask God to help the church to grow. Pray that He will help you see the essentiality of evangelism.

Conclusion:

God is not hung up on numbers nor should we be. But God is concerned for the lost, and a church that impacts the lost grows by conversion. Numbers ought to be one indicator of His blessing. The church grows when God and His people are in partnership. Their focus is so on the Big Kingdom that people are asking God to increase the small kingdom. This means more workers, more funds, and more giftedness—all things that increase the influence of a church in the community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alexis Hatten - 5th
 Donald Gobert - 7th
 Rozena Leslie - 8th
 Kanequa Williams - 8th
 Brilen Hunt - 9th
 Margie Jackson - 9th
 Diamond Gray - 10th
 Rev. James Davis - 12th
 Ks'Leigha Diggs - 14th
 La Quinta Jones - 14th
 June McCoy - 14th
 Bria Williams - 14th
 Bladrick Arceneaux - 15th



Reggie Hollie - 15th
 Merlene Brown - 17th
 Karen Masters - 17th
 Wanda Jackson - 19th
 G Anderson - 21st
 Bri-Darian Hunt - 23rd
 Karen Sloan - 24th
 Kyle Everage - 25th
 Gary Marshall - 26th
 Daphne Lipscomb - 27th
 Javon Blackshear - 30th
 Aaron Brown - 30th
 Cortney Stasinopoulos - 30th
 Lynece Standley - 31st

October

THE ANTIOCH CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month	1 Mission I - 9am	2 TACKIDs Kick-off 6pm	3 People Who Pray- 12n TAC Women Fellowship- 6pm Teen Bible -6pm Bible Study -7pm	4	5	6
7 Communion Worship - 10:30a Life Chain - Anti-abortion Pal. Mall SNL - 6PM	8	9 TACKIDs - 6pm	10 People Who Pray-12n TAC Women - 6pm Deacons/Trustees-6p Teen Bible -6:30pm Bible Study -7pm	11 TACKIDs Choir Rehearsal- 6pm	12	13 Men - 8am Staff Meeting - 10am
14 Worship - 10:30a Prayer Emphasis To Tennessee Colony Church - 6p	15 Mission I - 9am	16 TACKIDs - 6pm	17 People Who Pray- 12n TAC Women - 6pm Teen Bible -6:30pm Bible Study -7pm	18 TAC Choir - 7pm	19	20
21 Worship - 10:30a TAC to Greater Brown Spring Pastor Ann - 3pm SNL - 6pm	22	23 TACKIDs - 6pm	24 People Who Pray-12n TAC Women - 6pm Teen Bible -6:30pm Bible Study -7pm	25 TAC Choir - 7pm	26	27
28 Worship - 10:30a Male Chorus SNL - 6pm	29	30	31 People Who Pray- 12n FAMILY FALL FEST AT THE PLACE 6-8:30PM	IV HILLIARD <i>"STRATEGIES CONFERENCE"</i> PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH		

36 PRACTICAL THINGS I HAVE LEARNED IN LIFE THAT HAVE HELPED ME

by Dr. Samuel Chand

1. Volunteer for jobs no one else W_____.
2. Never be on time – be E_____.
3. Respect — E_____ the “little people”.
4. Money isn’t E_____. Never make quality of life decisions based on money. Money follows ministry.
5. Help others and you will always S_____.
6. Don’t forget the P_____ who got you here.
7. Never take credit—pass P_____ on.
8. Be a life-long learner. “What did I learn T_____?”
9. Select and enlist M_____.
10. Be G_____ – sow into other’s life.
11. Determine your finish lines:
 - A. What is “E_____”?
 - B. Inheritance vs. L_____.
12. Forgive Q_____.
13. Accept responsibility when things go wrong—don’t pass on the blame. *Fess up when you M_____ up.*
14. Discover your G_____ and operate in it.
15. Gifts C_____ at different times in your life.
16. Don’t imitate—be an O_____. Be yourself.
17. Love L_____—enjoy living—laugh out loud.
18. No one “owes” you anything—assume R_____.
19. Life is not E_____—roll with it. Regardless of what you observe on the outside in other people’s life—it is tough.
20. Stay away from N_____ people.
21. Look at everyone you meet as God’s A_____—you never know.
22. Never do anything well—do it with E_____.
23. Never keep your promises—over D_____ (beat deadlines, come under budget, do it with fewer people).
24. Develop a T_____ in everything you do.
25. Hang with P_____ people.
26. You’re not always R_____—the most important thing you will change is your mind.
27. Work hard – don’t be L_____.
28. Conquer procrastination. Practice OHIO. (O_____ H_____ I_____ O_____)
29. If you are collaborating with businesspersons to finance your ministry—they prefer early M_____.
30. Donors don’t give when you are down—they give (invest) in S_____.
31. Go to meetings and meet new people. Follow up with N_____ ASAP.
32. Learn to write N_____.
33. Take risks—anyone can do the S_____ thing.
34. Think L_____ term.
35. Build R_____ before transactions.
36. Let someone in ahead of you while in T_____ or line—you’ll feel better and live longer.

ANSWERS

1. Wants
2. Early
3. Everyone
4. Everything
5. Succeed
6. People
7. Praise
8. Today
9. Mentors
10. Generous
- 11a. Enough
- 11b. Legacy
12. Quickly
13. Mess
14. Gift
15. Change
16. Original
17. Life
18. Responsibility
19. Easy
20. Negative
21. Appointment
22. Excellence
23. Deliver
24. Team
25. Passionate
26. Right
27. Lazy
28. Only Handle It Once
29. Morning
30. Success.
31. Notes
32. Notes
33. Safe
34. Long
35. Relationships
36. Traffic

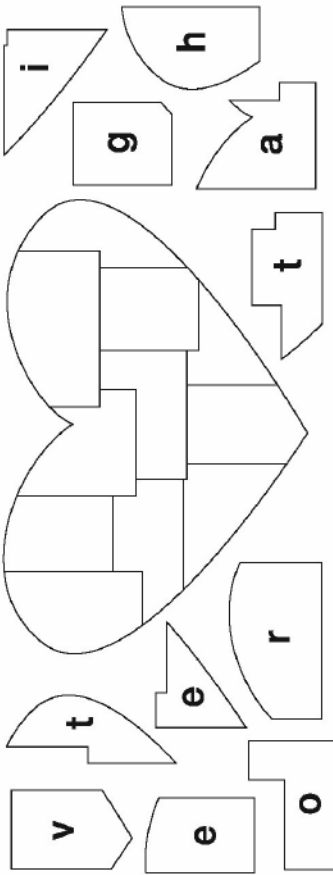


HOW TO GIVE

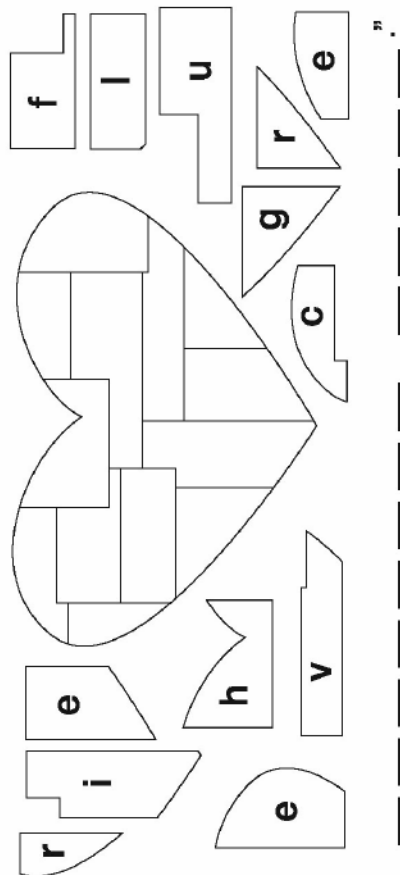
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

Coming
NOVEMBER 11TH

Theme:
THE LORD'S CHURCH "NEXT"

Philippians 3:14

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*Pastor, Gethsemene Baptist Church
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