

How to Go to Church – Part I

Nehemiah 8:1-8

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Series: Church

1) The People were in Unity.

all the people were gathered as one man in the open square (v1)

‘the man who forgot to remember.’

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.
John 13:35

1) The People were in Unity.

2) The People wanted the Truth.

They told Ezra to bring the law - So Ezra brought the Law before the people- (And Ezra) read it from morning til midday, before the men and women and those who could understand (v1-3)

so the leaders read... and gave sense i.e. explained the Bible...and helped them to understand the reading (v 8)

Please Turn to
2 Timothy 4:1-2

A. Preach = Kerusso (greek) = herald

B. Convince (reprove in KJV)
= to expose

C. Rebuke
= admonish and forbid

Expose sin

Admonish and forbid it

- A. Preach
- B. Reprove
- C. Rebuke

D. Exhort = parakaleo (greek)

For a righteous man may fall seven
times, And rise again...

Proverbs 24:16

As you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass (sin), you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Galatians 6:1

- A. Preach
- B. Reprove
- C. Rebuke
- D. Exhort

E. longsuffering = Makrothume (greek)
patience with endurance and perseverance

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those
who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted,
uphold the weak, be patient with all.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

A. Preach

B. Reprove

C. Rebuke

D. Exhort

E. Longsuffering

F. Teach = didache (greek) = doctrine

False pastors/teachers who:

1) Tell the people there are many roads to God.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

False pastors/teachers who:

- 1) Tell the people there are many roads to God.
- 2) Compel the people into giving money with fraudulent intentions.

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness... who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

False pastors/teachers who:

- 1) Tell the people there are many roads to God.
- 2) Compel the people into giving money with fraudulent intentions.
- 3) Entertain the people... itching their ears- i.e. seeking to be men pleasers rather than pleasers of God.

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

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- 2) Compel the people into giving money with fraudulent intentions.
- 3) Entertain the people... itching their ears- i.e. seeking to be men pleasers rather than pleasers of God.
- 4) Won't challenge the people and risk offense by preaching against sin by reproofing and rebuking.

The Result

The people will turn away from truth and turn to fables/lies. (v 4)

The pastors task is not to be a conduit for human wisdom, philosophy, entertainment or manipulation to give.

BUT a conduit for God's Word to His people.