

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

And they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:2-5 NKJV

Hello family,

Have you noticed all the junk that is being taught in the world today and being promoted as the "new" or "modern" way of thinking and living? New, modern..... Really?

The idea of finding teaching and philosophy that help mankind in its attempt to justify sin and sinful living has been going on for a very long time. Because of more advanced, yes "modern" technology we now have more access to bogus teachings, but the promotion of self and sin is certainly not new.

One of the reasons that people get so easily swayed is because of simply not knowing what God says and not taking the time to open His Word (the Bible) to read it in order to find out.

People, yes Christians included, can be in the same room together, holding their bibles and potentially be listening to someone present bad, incorrect, false doctrine and not recognize it for what it is.

Sometimes the attitude is as follows:

**It sounds pretty good so why disagree or why double check, right?*

**Maybe it sounds bogus but we don't want to question it; maybe it will be okay.*

**We don't want to cause any kind of conflict or trouble so lets just ignore it or just hope for the best; we don't want to offend anyone.*

Wait. What?

That's about the same thing as standing in the middle of a room that's on fire, holding on to a perfectly good fire extinguisher and never pulling the pin. It's time to pull the pin Christians. It's time to open God's word and read it, study it, memorize it, and apply it to our lives. Its time to stand up for and hold to the Word of God.

When we are reading God's Word we know what He says, what His standards are and as a result we won't be swayed, misled, or deceived by those that attempt to teach lies.

We won't be guessing because we will know the truth.

Another cool thing is that we will be able to tell someone else what God says in His Word so they too will know the truth and be able to tell someone else.

Lets start by committing or re-committing to the daily reading of God's awesome Word, so that we really do know what He says.

In Christ's love,

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