

## Revelations Series

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### How to keep a church from dying – Part II

#### II. There needs to be a continual emphasis on being \_\_\_\_\_ – (Let) – Revelation 2:7

- A. This word let means to allow & Dr. Wallace would reference the book of Hebrews as the “let us garden.”
  - 1. About 13 times the short phrase “let us” is used in Hebrews.
  - 2. The idea here is that I am going to sit and pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is telling me.
  - 3. And not only pay attention, I am also going to \_\_\_\_\_ on and do what is being given to me.
- B. Never forget that it is one thing to hear and another to do.
  - 1. People come to church for a myriad of reasons, the saddest of all realities is that they have,
    - a. No \_\_\_\_\_ of allowing what they hear to change their life. (10% verses 90%)
    - b. The Holy Spirit nudges and they refuse to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. An important reason to attend church is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to make changes in areas that God desires for us to change.
- C. As the Holy Spirit does begin to convict us, the question becomes, “What will we do?” “How will we respond?”
  - 1. It is sadly a waste of time to hear what God has to say and refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ (head).
  - 2. That Believer & church that refuses to listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit are on the verge of \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.
  - 3. It is the Holy Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_ to guide us according to the Father’s will and plan – John 16:13.
- D. Salvation is not a \_\_\_\_\_ but a process with a starting point – I Peter 2:2; John 16:13; Luke 21:28.
  - 1. Know one wants to remain in the baby stage of life forever or for a prolonged time.
  - 2. Well, until it comes to spirituality & is why so many lives, marriages or families are in a mess.
  - 3. It all boils down to a refusal to \_\_\_\_\_ or be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Scriptures & the Holy Spirit.
- E. A tragedy of tragedy’s would be if this generation becomes so \_\_\_\_\_ it remains powerless & useless.
  - 1. Spiritual growth & maturity equals a growth of power to \_\_\_\_\_ sin, Satan & our flesh.
  - 2. Exodus 32:8-10, God is very serious about the nature of our relationship with Him.
  - 3. Our attitude that it is our life is an attitude sure to bring about a disastrous life – I Cor. 6:19-20.

#### III. There needs to be a continual emphasis on the \_\_\_\_\_ – (Spirit) - Revelation 2:7

- A. Remember, we must be saved to understand & yielded in order for God to have His way.
- B. We have allowed the Charismatics to hijack & doctrinally do harm to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. He is not the one “slaying the people in the spirit,” or causing their speaking in tongues.
  - 2. His ministry is so important to the truth that Satan works hard to spread lies – John 8:44,45.
  - 3. II Corinthians 11:13 – 15. John 16:13 & 14.
- C. The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ to our Christian growth, maturity and understanding of the Scriptures.

**IV. There needs to be a constant emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_ authority – (churches) – Rev. 2:7**

- A. While this biblical fact is not well received, it is nonetheless a God ordained office in the church.
  - 1. The office comes with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ – I Timothy 3:1 – 7.
  - 2. This office also has biblical expectations – I Peter 5:1 – 4.
- B. God has told us how as a church we are to operate, function, build and support ourselves.
- C. God calls pastors and gives them His \_\_\_\_\_ authority for oversight & not the deacons.  
(Revelation 1:20 & 2:20; Acts 6:1 - 7)
- D. A pastor's authority is necessary for the Work God calls him too, and the work of the church.
- E. My Son-in-law's first church was an example of how misguided a church group can become.

**V. There needs to be a constant emphasis on the \_\_\_\_\_ Christian life – (over cometh) – Rev. 2:7.**

- A. God wants us to know that we can make it because we have the \_\_\_\_\_,
  - 1. We have the indwelling Holy Spirit of God to empower us, lead & encourage us.
  - 2. We have the infallibly preserved Word of God on to which to keep us grounded in truth.
- B. God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ failure, nor does He \_\_\_\_\_ quitters, He builds champions – Eph. 6:10 – 18.  
Romans 8:31 – 39; I Corinthians 9:24 – 27; Hebrews 12:1 – 3 in light of Hebrews chapter eleven.
- C. God allows \_\_\_\_\_ to come our way, it is my job to overcome them for my spiritual growth.

**VI. We must emphasize much about \_\_\_\_\_ – (tree of life) – revelation 2:7.**

- A. Our pulpits and pews are filled with failures who faltered and stumbled.
  - 1. We all need encouragement to get back up and overcome those obstacles we are facing.
  - 2. David had to get back-up on several occasions, but get back up he did.
- B. Salvation is a way of life in which imperfections of character can be changed into godliness.

**VII. We must constantly emphasize \_\_\_\_\_ – (paradise) – Revelation 2:7**

- A. What to emphasize:
  - 1. Heaven is an eternal place for the eternal souls in Christ.
  - 2. Protected from God's judgment – 2:11.
  - 3. A unique relationship with Jesus – 2:17.
  - 4. We will rule & reign with Christ – 2:26.
  - 5. We shall be made perfect – 3:5.
  - 6. We shall be like Him – 3:12.
  - 7. We shall ever be in His presence – 3:21.
- B. Always be ready because the trumpet can sound at any minute!