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The Church God Uses

Keeping Your Focus on the Game -
Part 3 of 4

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2Timothy 4:1-8

Characteristics of an effective pastor, and an effective church:

1. **What They** _____ (2 Timothy 4:1)
➤ 1st Characteristic: God uses churches that know they are

2. **What They** _____ (1 Timothy 4:2)
➤ 2nd Characteristic: God uses churches that are

3. **What They** _____ (1 Timothy 4:3-4)
➤ 3rd Characteristic: God uses churches that refuse to cater to

4. **What They** _____ (1 Timothy 4:5)
➤ 4th Characteristic: God uses churches that keep

5. **How They** _____ (1 Timothy 4:6-8)
➤ 5th Characteristic: God uses churches that help people
