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The church God uses

“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

提摩太后书 4: 1-8 我在神面前，并在将来审判活人死人的基督耶稣面前，凭着他的显现和他的国度嘱咐你。 2 务要传道。无论得时不得时，总要专心，并用百般的忍耐，各样的教训，责备人，警戒人，劝勉人。 3 因为时候要到，人必厌烦纯正的道理。耳朵发痒，就随从自己的情欲，增添好些师傅。 4 并且掩耳不听真道，偏向荒渺的言语。 5 你却要凡事谨慎，忍受苦难，作传道的工夫，尽你的职分。 6 我现在被浇奠，我离世的时候到了。 7 那美好的仗我已经打过了。当跑的路我已经跑尽了。所信的道我已经守住了。 8 从此以后，有公义的冠冕为我存留，就是按着公义审判的主到了那日要赐给我的。不但赐给我，也赐给凡爱慕他显现的人。

Characteristics of an effective pastor, and an effective church: 一个有效的牧师和教会的特点

1. What They KNOW (2 Timothy 4:1)

_ 1st Characteristic: God uses churches that know they are ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD

1. 他们明白的是什么（提摩太后书 4: 1）

第一个特点---神用的教会是对他负责的教会

2. What They COMMUNICATE (1 Timothy 4:2)

_ 2nd Characteristic: God uses churches that are COMMITTED TO THE WORD OF GOD

2. 他们交流什么？（提摩太后书 4: 2）

第二个特点---神所使用的教会是那些传讲他的话语的教会

3. What They REFUSE (1 Timothy 4:3-4)

_ 3rd Characteristic: God uses churches that refuse to cater to
PEOPLE'S SELFISHNESS

3. 他们拒绝的是什么 (提摩太后书 4: 3-4)

第三个特点---神所喜悦的教会是那些不体贴人私欲的教会

4. What They FOCUS ON (1 Timothy 4:5)

_ 4th Characteristic: God uses churches that keep
THAT OUTREACH FOCUS

4. 他们的注重点在哪 (提摩太后书 4: 5)

第四个特点---神喜悦那不断的向外发展的教会

5. How They HELP (1 Timothy 4:6-8)

_ 5th Characteristic: God uses churches that help people
FINISH WELL

5. 他们如何的帮助人 (提摩太后书 4: 6-8)

第五个特点---神的教会是可使人不断地乘胜的教会