

Chafer Seminary Pastors Conference 2013

“Priorities in Ministry”

ἐκκλησία *ekklēsia*;

Etymology:

***ek* “out of”**

***kaleo* “to be called”**

Hence, the “called out ones” in the sense of called out from one’s home or business to assemble.

“Evangelical pastors and theologians can learn from the mainline experience of placing relevance above truth. We must avoid the lure of novelty and soft sell, which, we are told, will make it easier for moderns to believe. Methods may change, but never the message....We are called to be faithful stewards of a great and reliable theological heritage. We have truths to affirm and errors to avoid. We must not try to make these truths more appealing or user friendly by watering them down. We must guard against a trendy “theological bungee-jumping” that merely entertains the watching crowd.”

~J Heidinger, “Toxic Pluralism,” *Christianity Today*, 1993

John 4:23, “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

John 4:24, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect [mature] man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph. 4:16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

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2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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1 Tim. 3:15, “I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

1 Tim. 4:6, “If you instruct [*hupotithymi*, ‘to instruct, teach’] the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister [*diakonos*] of Jesus Christ,”

1 Tim. 4:11, “These things command and teach.”

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pres act impera 2 sing

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διδάσκω *didaskō*
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1 Tim. 4:12, “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Tim. 4:13, “Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine [*didaskalia*].

1 Tim. 4:14, “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

1 Tim. 4:15, “Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

1 Tim. 4:16, “Take heed [pains] to yourself and to the doctrine [teaching]. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

1 Tim. 6:2, “Teach [*didascho*] and exhort these things.”

1 Tim. 6:17, “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”

1 Tim. 6:20, “O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—”

2 Tim. 1:13, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

2 Tim. 2:1, “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim. 2:2, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Tim. 2:22, “Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Tim. 2:23, “But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.”

2 Tim. 4:2, “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

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What does the Bible require of a Pastor?

1 Cor. 4:1, “Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”

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Jn. 21:15, “So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Feed My lambs.’

Jn. 21:16, “He said to him again a second time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Tend [*poimano* – “feed”] My sheep.’

Jn. 21:17, “He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?’ Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ And he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed My sheep.’ ”

Acts 6:4, “but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”