

TODAY'S CHURCH

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Study Text:.....Eph. 4:11-12

The church today is under onslaught.
It needs strong preachers of vision, stamina and purpose.
Plus faithful members who are aware and care.

THE MAIN PROBLEMS ARE:.....

FALTERING PURPOSE: John 15:16 "Go and bring forth fruit."
Not social, not educational but soul winning. (Lighthouse -Rescue Center)

DWINDLING COMPASSION: Jude 22 "Compassion makes a difference."
Daily consistent burden must be shown and taught. (Tears are the key)

CONFUSED LOYALTY: Heb. 10:25-26 "Forsake not the assembly."
We and our people must return to first priorities. (Christ should be first)

SLIPPING STANDARDS: II Cor. 6:17 "Come out from among them."
Including church, musical and personal. (Godly example is scarce)

SHRINKING DEDICATION: Rom. 12:1&2 "Present your bodies."
Finding, identifying with and carrying out one's lifetime place. (In life and church)

VANISHING VISION: Jer. 33:3 "Call unto me...great & mighty things..thou knowest not."
Lack of vision stagnates a church, digs a rut and prevents growth.

"I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none" Ezekiel 22:30

BE THAT MAN:

Remember your call.
Reject discouragements.
Stick to the job.
Preach with power.
Give God your very best.
Stand tall and true.
Lead the flock.
Labor for eternity.
Keep your eyes on Jesus

Good "uns"

Unchanging Commission:
John 15:16
Unflinching Conviction:
II Cor. 11: 24-28
Unresting Compulsion:
Phil. 3:13-14
Unending Consecration:
Phil. 3:10