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WHEN GOD
PLANTS A
CHURCH (I)

WHEN GOD
PLANTS A
CHURCH

Previous Teaching, I

I. When God Plants a Church . . .

a. The Church . . . “**Missional!**”

b. Foundation Matters . . . **“Jesus Will
Be the Foundation/Cornerstone!”**

c. The Church . . . **“Counter-Cultural!”**

i. Not Like the World

WHEN GOD
PLANTS A
CHURCH

Previous Teaching, I

I. When God Plants a Church . . .

d. The Church . . . “Equipping &
Teaching!”

e. The Church . . . (5) “Spiritual
Birth-Marks” of a Healthy Church!

WHEN GOD
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CHURCH

Previous Teaching, I

I. When God Plants a Church . . .

f. The Church . . . Answer (5) “Q’s” –
Members in the Community!”

g. The Church . . . “Home, Shelter &
Restoration!”

h. The Church . . . “Requirements!”

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WHEN GOD
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CHURCH (II)



CHURCH
MEMBERS!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Testimony - Church Members!

They Expose Christs' Name & the Church
to **Ridicule** . . . God's Name & the Church
to be **Blasphemed!** A **Bad Testimony** Can
Drive the People in a Community - **Away**
from Christ and the Church!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH Testimony - Body of Christ!

As a Follower of Jesus Christ . . . You
Must Be Mindful – In Christ You Have
Certain “Jurisdiction” Over Your life!

Rights! Control! Boundaries!
Authority!

You Have to “Steward” Your
Jurisdiction Daily!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH Testimony - Body of Christ!

Philippians 1: 27

Let Your Manner of Life (conduct, lifestyle & behavior) be Worthy of the Gospel of Christ!

Matthew 5: 13 - 14

“You are the Salt of the Earth! “You are the Light of the World; A City Set on a Hill that cannot be hidden ... to Glorify God’s Name!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Today's Teaching

I. The Body of Christ - Members!

a. Representatives . . . **Holy/Upright!**

i. Testimony - **“(3) Specific Areas to Focus & Steward!”**

ii. Accountability - **Maintain Your “Jurisdiction!”**



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Today's Teaching

II. The Church of Church Members!

a. Negative Testimony . . . **“Exposes Christ’s Name & the Church!”**

i. Drive Sinners Away - **“Salvation!”**

b. DNA of Church Members . . .

“Cretans (Titus)! Jews (Romans)!”



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Today's Teaching

III. Spiritual Marks - Body of Christ!

a. Members . . . **Qualities &
Characteristics!**



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Testimony - Body of Christ!

(3) Specific Areas - Stewardship:

Titus 2: 5, 8 & 10

✍ v.5; “The Word of God may not be Exposed to Reproach - Blasphemed or Discredited!”



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH Testimony - Body of Christ!

(3) Specific Areas - Stewardship:

Titus 2: 5, 8 & 10

- ✍ v.8; “Opponents be put to Shame,
finding nothing Discrediting or Evil
to say about us!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH Testimony - Body of Christ!

(3) Specific Areas - Stewardship:

Titus 2: 5, 8 & 10

✎ **v.10;** “So that in Everything Christ’s
Servants May Adorn (make attractive) the
Doctrine/Teaching of God our Savior!”



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH DNA - Church Members! Their Testimony!

- ✘ Lazy! Liars! Gossips!
- ✘ Sowers & Dividers - DISCORD!
- ✘ Religious (Pharisees)! Ever-LEARNING!
- ✘ Weak/Immature Members!
- ✘ Absentee Members (In-Active)!
- ✘ Followers!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

DNA - Church Members!

Their Testimony!

They're Ever-Learning!

2 Timothy 3: 7

They are Forever Learning ... Inquiring and Getting Information, but are NEVER able to arrive at a Recognition and Knowledge of the TRUTH!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH DNA - Church Members! Their Testimony!

To Know God's Word Means!

- ☞ You Know What God Expects & Commands & You DO IT!
- ☞ You "AGREE" with God!
- ☞ You Don't Do Things God Disapproves!
Things that Grieve the Heart of God!



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Spiritual Marks - Qualities

Characteristics

Members - Body of Christ!

- ✘ Maturity! **Ephesians 4: 13**
- ✘ Persistent in Faith! **Philippians 1: 27**
- ✘ Acknowledgement of SIN! **Psalms 32: 5**
- ✘ Accountability - Other Believers!
Galatians 6: 1



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH

Spiritual Marks - Qualities

Characteristics

Members - Body of Christ!

- ✂ Confess/Turn from SIN! **1 John 1: 9**
- ✂ Integrity! **Daniel 6: 4**
- ✂ Resolve to Live HOLY! **Hebrews 12: 14**
- ✂ Bear FRUIT! **Luke 6: 44 - 45**



WHEN GOD PLANTS A CHURCH
Spiritual Marks - Qualities
Characteristics

Members - Body of Christ!

New Creation is NOT ...
CANNOT ... & WILL NOT
be a Church of Church
Members!!!!!!