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## **Dedication**

I dedicate this book to my mother Linda Cary who led us kids spiritually, by example. Mama, I watched you. Now all those mornings seeing you on your knees, reading your Word, has come full circle. Thank you my faithful prayin' mama!

## **Introduction**

I decided to write this book primarily to explain why we do church the way we do it at "The Father Heart World Online Church." I wanted a real clear presentation for our new church member prospects and a strong reminder for our current church members.

The Bible says without vision people perish and they cast off restraint. (Proverbs 29:18) To live un-restrained in this generation will prove costly. Please read this book a couple of times each year so that you remember where the Spirit is taking the entire body of Christ globally.

The Lord is doing a very new and exciting thing in His church, but the truth is, He always has been. His people have always been an organism that is alive and ever developing, and this will never change.

My sincere prayer is that you are discerning the wave of the Spirit that is now upon us. This current wave is bringing a massive shift that will result in a modern-day church revolution! This is exciting and yet very challenging. We are called as one of the many apostolic revolutionary churches who are elected to guide the end-time church through this transition.

I have been serving in full-time ministry for nearly twenty years and during this time I have striven to fully understand, from God's perspective, how to plant a most excellent Biblical church.

I don't think this generation has a clear Biblical understanding of what a New Testament church is supposed to look like. This is gradually changing, one spiritual wave at a time.

We are not behind pace; we are right on time. So, we shouldn't condemn the old order of Christian leaders, and we cannot let them slow us down either.

So how will you know which church you are supposed to join? It is made clear from the Bible alone. That is the model and that is what this e-book is designed for. Again, this book was originally intended for our present and future FHC members. However, I am sure that the Spirit intends to use it in a broader way.

## **1. Are You A Member of a Biblical Church?**

Some of you are going to a Biblical church, some of you are going to an obsolete church and some of you are not going to church. This book is written for all of you. If you are going to a Biblical church, you are alive and thriving spiritually. Your leaders have their finger on the pulse of what the Spirit is doing and saying.

Conversely, the opposite is true for those of you who are members of an obsolete church. Your leaders have lost the Lord's vision and you are probably dying spiritually. A church change is most likely in your best interest.

If you are not a member of a church you should earnestly seek one out that best fits the following characteristics.

I want to help you see the church that Jesus approves, by using the Bible. I have identified 9 essential functions of a Biblical church. Remember, there isn't one single perfect church on the earth, but there are some chosen excellent ones who are not infected with chronic spiritual compromise!

Even so, we all fall short and we all need grace. The Lord enjoys churches who are immature yet sincere in their devotion and dedication. So, we owe it the Lord to be gentle and patient. That doesn't mean that we should compromise our values at all. It does mean that we should cease being critical and self-righteous.

So here is my list. I'll define them more thoroughly a little later.

## **A BIBLICAL CHURCH IS A:**

Family  
Hospital  
School  
Body  
Bride  
House of Prayer  
Army  
Prophetic Voice  
End-time Ark

If you can match at least 7 of these functions with your church, you may be where God wants you. If you cannot, you would probably be wise to find a more Biblical church home.

If you are not a committed member of a Biblical church, I urge you to find one asap. In the age of ever-increasing moral crisis that is before us, the Lord will use His church to provide for us an impenetrable safety structure that cannot be shaken.

## **2. A Biblical Church Is A Family**

It all starts here. God is a loving Father. We are His beloved children. That makes us eternal brothers and sisters. We are supposed to laugh together, cry together and stick together. I will take up for you if someone picks on you and you must do the same for me.

We encourage each other, give things to each other and we even get on each other's nerves. We are one big family. This phenomenon called "the Church" is where anyone in the world is supposed to be able to come and find true brothers and sisters who will outlast their earthly ones.

The highest level of fun, health, happiness, success and destiny happens within the context of the family of God. We use each other to attain this.

This is truly a phenomenon. If you are not experiencing this, you should find one of these churches today. I don't know what I would do without my brothers and sisters in our world online church. I have never been this happy and healthy in my life and it keeps getting better.

As in all families, there are parents and children. Someone must be in charge. The spiritual parents make the rules from God's Word and from their own well-reasoning intellect. Their spiritual children are to be submissive to these policies and procedures, and when they are compliant everyone will have peace.

You don't have to call them mama and daddy by the way, but you do have to be obedient. The Father's joy and peace will lift when people become obstinate. This must be corrected.

*Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

***Heb. 13:17***

### **3. A Biblical Church Is A Hospital**

Jesus was named "The Great Physician." A Biblical church must model this. At FHC we currently hold 3 primary meetings that facilitate healing and deliverance. The world and the church are very sick, and we will never be without job security if we remain faithful in this.

#### **Our 3 Primary Healing and Deliverance Services:**

(See the FHC Schedule at [www.fatherheartchurch.com/schedule](http://www.fatherheartchurch.com/schedule))

~ Our "**Father Heart Healing Encounter**" on our Facebook Live Broadcast. We see countless people touched and miraculously healed by the supernatural emotional healing power of Jesus.

Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted and so does a Biblical church. In our Father's house there is an anointed inner healing nursing staff.

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me... because the Lord has anointed Me to...heal the brokenhearted and to proclaim liberty to the captives...*

### **Isa. 61:1**

~ Our "**Deliverance from Demons**" Facebook Live Broadcast. Jesus cast demons out and so does a Biblical church.

*These signs will follow those who believe, in My name they shall cast out demons.*

### **Mark 16:17**

~ Our "**Online Church Small Groups**" on Zoom. Our small groups are the heart of our church. There is so much relational and emotional healing that happens in these small groups. Openness heals and we do this well on Thursday nights.

*And they continued steadfastly in... fellowship...continuing daily with one accord in the temple...and... house to house.*

### **Acts 2:42-46**

We talk about our painful struggles, victories and hope! These small groups are truly the heart of our church.

We also have periodic "Miracle Healing Online Awakening" conferences.

## **4. A Biblical Church Is A School**

We are to make disciples of all nations, right? Therefore, we the church are a discipleship school. Paul stated that the 5-fold ministers are to equip and prepare each member of the body of Christ for the work of their specific ministry calling.

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.*

### ***Eph. 4:11-12***

We create spiritual school structures and programs to fulfill this mission. Every member of God's church is called to at least one specific ministry. The Holy Spirit is continually developing our destinies, and this will go on for all of eternity. It will never stop.

We teach our members all about family order, spiritual gifts, natural talents, book writing, prophetic intercession, end-times, song writing, social media, prayer and fasting, personal holiness and much more!

We identify ourselves as a school for prophets and intercessors too. Anna was a prophet and intercessor, so are we. We could not hide this if we tried.

*Jesus...said to them...go then and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you...*

### ***Matt. 28:18-20***

As we see above, Jesus commanded us to teach the nations!

## **5. A Biblical Church Is A Body**

Paul referred to the church as a body. He said there is an eye, ear, nose and foot. (1 Cor. 12) Every believer is very important and special. We go to great lengths to place people in the position in the body that they naturally fit in.

This is not complicated, but some pastoral skill is required in order to do this right. The two main questions we ask our church body members is, "What are you good at and what do you love to do?" Destiny lives somewhere in between those two questions!

## **6. A Biblical Church Is A Bride**

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...*

### ***Eph. 5:25***

*Then...one of the angels...said... "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb."*

### ***Rev. 21:9***

Oh, how Jesus loves His wife! You men know what I'm talking about. Jesus loves us more than we love our wives. Therefore, we are instructed to demonstrate unconditional love to our earthly wives.

Now let's get to the meat. As we mature in our relationship with this Bridegroom who loves us so radically, we are required to love Him back radically. We offer Him a free-will offering of submission to His calling over us.

We are to submit to Jesus as a humble wife does to her earthly husband. We are to follow Him wherever He goes and do whatever He says. That's union with the Christ. That is a mature marriage.

A Biblical church has leadership who is walking this out, and they

will lead their church members into it as they mature. Their deep intimate relationship with Jesus will produce much fruit because they are close enough to hear His commands, and pure enough to obey them. These kinds of leaders are emerging now, and they will teach the nations this skill.

*"I am the true vine...abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."*

*"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."*

### **John 15:1-8**

## **7. A Biblical Church Is A House of Prayer**

The Bible declares in multiple passages that God's church is a house of prayer. You might say that His church is a place that has a culture that encourages people to talk to God often. After all, that is what prayer is. Our online church currently holds 4 intercessory prayer meetings every day at on Zoom.

We are a house of prayer. This daily model is found in Acts 2:46.

**"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple..."**

That's a lot of praying. That's what a house of prayer is. A Biblical church models this on the earth. This is one of the most crucial elements to consider when searching for a Biblical church.

Does your church resemble this model or does your leadership lead you somewhere else? After Jesus rebuked that greedy thieving church, He said "My Father's house shall be called a house of prayer." Greed may be the fruit of prayerlessness, and prayerlessness may be the fruit of greed. You will not sustain

union with Christ if your heart is defiled by covetousness.

## **8. A Biblical Church Is an Army**

Throughout the Bible, Old Testament and New, the people of God are depicted as a mighty army! In this hour in which we live in, we would be wise to be super sensitive to this one.

We war not against flesh and blood but against dark powers in high places. The Bible tells us this. (Eph. 6:12)

So, what is our fate if we do not perceive the battle that is raging around us constantly? We will be overcome in some ways by demon spirits. Every single night day our church is warring in "one accord" as we lift up our households, marriages, children, health, cities, states and nations. We are taking Ephesians 6 very seriously and we pray that you are too.

## **9. A Biblical Church Is A Prophetic Voice**

God gave the world His church and God gave His church prophets. We are to tell the world and the church what God is saying to them, specifically. At the present the world doesn't know God's heart and neither does the church because most of His churches are prophetically immature or unfaithful to Him in this key area.

Even so, the church is called to be His prophet. There is so much of the world in the church right now that we cannot call the world to repentance. When we are one with the world the lines are too blurred.

A clear prophetic voice is now emerging, and the world and the church will soon hear a clear word from the Lord coming from fearless prophets. At the present we wonder why sin and judgment loom over our houses, cities and nations. It is because the current church leaders are too busy building bigger organizations and they have left off intimacy and submission to Christ.

*"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings."*

### **Jer. 23:21-22**

The Lord is raising up Biblical churches who have these kinds of fearless Biblical prophets nestled in with them. We fear the Lord not man.

## **10. A Biblical Church Is an End-time Ark**

I saved this one for last because it has some bigger teeth in it. We are living in the last of the end-times judging by the Bible's end-time signs. Jesus Himself said that our generation would be like the "Days of Noah."

The Lord went on to say that the coming "Flood of Noah" (God's wrath) will kill the people who are careless, prayerless and distracted with marriage, food and drink. This isn't my idea it is Jesus Christ's prophetic word; and it will come to pass soon.

*But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

### **Matt. 24:37-39**

Obviously, marriage, food and drink are not evil unless we misuse their purpose to feed our self-indulgent lusts. Indeed, the flood of God's wrath is coming to cleanse the earth of "all" evil, as in the days of Noah. God's Biblical church must be governed by undistracted leaders who have no fear of man and covetousness, or they simply cannot bear this mantle.

After they have discovered this mystery, they must faithfully train

others to adjust to it and live different. Noah was not able to live like everyone else. He had to stay to himself and preach a rare message of righteousness the Bible says. He had to live a separated life in the deserts of God, stay close to the Spirit and receive specific prophetic blueprints on how to build the ark that would save his family from the judgment of God.

In Luke 21 Jesus gave more simple, practical advice for the end-time church who would witness the coming "Days of Noah" global crisis.

*Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass.*

### **Luke 21:36**

I truly believe that one of the greatest failures of the church in this generation is the slackness of our leader's personal and corporate prayer life.

## **11. The Church Is Shifting Back to Acts**

Jesus and John the Baptist came preaching a fresh prophetic message to their generation. They said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." In other words, they were letting people know that God was now changing the expression of His church. The new breed of prophets in our generation are prophesying a similar message with a slight twist. We declare, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, again." We are shifting back to that realm!

Jesus gave some real practical wisdom on how to shift into the new with the least amount of tension. He said...

*"...every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."*

## **Matthew 13:52**

In other words, He was saying, "Yes, we are shifting into the new thing, the Kingdom of Heaven, but don't tear the old wine-skin structure up. We still need some of it too."

The old order got us here, don't condemn it. Don't accuse the old order ministers but do not let them slow us down either! Some of these will start to seek God and jump in this river, others will refuse to. Even still we must continue to seek God for our fresh directives, as we fling ourselves into the middle of what He is doing! Let's enjoy the ride.

## **12. To Join A Biblical Church Means to Commit**

This seems obvious but it needs to be explained. To join a church is like joining a family, a team or an army. Can you imagine joining a professional football team or the U.S. army and being casual in your commitment? Some people do church this way.

We should see ourselves as willing to die for each other. To join the body of Christ is the most noble act one can ever commit in their entire lifetime.

Jesus said it best, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." **John 15:12-13**

*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

## **Pro. 17:17**

I would be honored to die for any one of my online church family members and I expect the same loyalty from them because that is what they model in my presence every single day.

There will never be a greater cause than for you to find a Biblical church and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ through it. We only get one life to take up the cause of Christ. Are you ready?

Don't delay, join today!

If you would like to register to join or know more about our online church please follow this link! We would love to set up a coaching session with you and invite you to our membership class 101.

<https://fatherheartchurch.com/join>

