

I Will Build My Church

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Matthew 16:18-19 (KJV) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.



PRINCIPLE # 10: _____

Acts 8:4 (KJV) Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Acts 11:9 (NLT) "But the voice from heaven came again, 'If God says something is acceptable, don't say it isn't.'

Acts 11:17 (KJV) "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

Acts 15:28 (KJV) For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.

- The early church began to modify their _____ in order to reach the Gentiles. This "cultural change" within the church had nothing to do with changing the _____ of the gospel, but everything to do with changing their _____ of the gospel.
- There was more opposition to this change than any other, but as the New Testament church began to _____ their efforts into reaching the MAJORITY of their culture, God gave them an incredible harvest!

The Biblical Concept Of Targeting

- The Bible determines our message, but our target determines how we _____ that message.
- **Targeting is a Biblical principle:**
 - Jesus targeted His ministry to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24), and instructed His disciples to do the same (Matthew 10:5-6).
 - Peter targeted his ministry to the Jews, while Paul targeted his ministry to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:7).
 - We even have four gospels because each one of them was written with a specific target in mind – Matthew wrote to the Jews, Mark to the Romans, Luke to the Greeks, and John to the Church.
- We don’t have to _____ with our culture, but we do have to _____ it in order to reach it.
- **Jesus’ Approach:** “ _____ ”
 - He talked to the Pharisees about the law
 - He talked to farmers about seed
 - He talked to fishermen about fish
 - He talked to the rich young ruler about money
 - He talked to the woman at the well about water
- **Paul’s Approach:** “ _____ ”

1 Corinthians 9:20-22 (GN) To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews ... In the same way, when with the Gentiles, I became like a Gentile, in order to win the Gentiles. I have become all things to all men, that I may save some of them by any means possible.

1 Corinthians 9:21 (NLT) When I am with the Gentiles who do not have the Jewish law, I fit in with them as much as I can. In this way, I gain their confidence and bring them to Christ. But I do not discard the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB) Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

- We must ask ourselves: “**Who are we trying to impress?**”
 - Our primary goal is “ _____ ”
 - Our primary goal is not “ _____ ”
- The New Testament church found out that some things are essential (_____), but that other things are non-essential or even detrimental (_____).

Why We Do What We Do!

2 Corinthians 5:14a (NLT) Whatever we do, it is because Christ’s love controls us.

- **In essential beliefs — we have _____.**

Ephesians 4:4-6 (NLT) We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all.
- **In non-essential beliefs — we have _____.**

Romans 14:1,4,12,22 (GN) Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters ... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls ... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God ... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.
- **In all our beliefs — we show _____.**

1 Corinthians 13:2 (GN) If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains — but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.