

IRRESISTIBLE

— The Church God Can't Resist —

Always Learning

“May you stay in one place for
the rest of your life.”

OLD BEDOUIN CURSE

“May you able to keep things
the way they’ve always been.”

OLD CHURCH CURSE

Pursuing Knowledge

- “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.” - **Hosea 4:6**
- Knowledge definition: information with the wisdom to apply it.
- A master craftsman who constantly improves his skills.
- Learn...Apply... Improve!



**Ways a healthy church
should always be learning**

Proverbs 2:3-6

If you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

1. Addition and Subtraction

Isaiah 43:18-19

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

1. Addition and Subtraction

- Be in the season God has you in (Isaiah 43:18-19)
- We don't change things just to change things.
- We change things so we can be more effective at our God-given mission.

“The message is sacred, and therefore, it’s unchanging. But the packaging around that message is not sacred; therefore, it can be freely changed.”

MYLES SWEENEY

We can change the **packaging** (subtraction)
and present the truth in a fresh way to reach
the world (addition), but the **contents** must
never change!

2. Multiplication not Division

- Healthy things **grow**.
- As we grow, we will **multiply**.
- As we multiply, things will **change**.
- There's a huge difference between embracing change and bracing for change.

2 Corinthians 9:11

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**As things change, we need to
apply knowledge & embrace growth,
but never let division occur.**

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort [plead with] you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions [social dissension / tear / splits] among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

3. Make some Mistakes

“The focus, though, is not to go through life trying to not make a mistake. The focus is to learn from your mistakes.”

MYLES SWEENEY

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- Emerging leaders are a joy to work with.
- Inside every young leader are dozens of mistakes...just waiting to be made!
- If we are afraid to make mistakes, we will not serve God as fully as we could.

Mistakes give you experience.

Proverbs 14:4

Where there are no oxen, the stall is clean. But much increase comes by the strength of the ox.

The reward for that work, however, is something that only the strength of the oxen can provide: a plentiful harvest. Having to feed and clean oxen is difficult, but nowhere near so difficult as trying to farm without them.

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