

SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 3:14-16
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1 Timothy 3:14-16 (CSB)

1. It's good for the Church to have a GOOD PASTOR(S).

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1 Timothy 3:14 (CSB)

As I urged you when I went to Macedonia, remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach false doctrine ⁴or to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. These promote empty speculations rather than God's plan, which operates by faith.

1 Timothy 1:3-4 (CSB)

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2 (CSB)

2. The Church is not ABOUT the PASTOR.

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1 Timothy 3:15 (CSB)

- The churches that win the future will be the ones where the people are activated, efficient, committed, and released to do the kingdom work.

And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:11-12 (CSB)

3. The Church is the PEOPLE.

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1 Timothy 3:15 (CSB)

Greet also the church that meets in their home. Greet my dear friend Epaphroditus, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.

Romans 16:5 (CSB)

And he subjected everything under his feet and appointed him as head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Ephesians 1:22-23 (CSB)

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (CSB)

- Gods called out ones have a MISSION to accomplish, and it is the GREAT COMMISSION of Christ.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

4. The Church IS about the GOSPEL.

And most certainly, the mystery of godliness is great: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:16 (CSB)

Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. ¹¹They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

1 Peter 1:8-12 (CSB)

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