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- Not a building, but it is the people of God.
- Not bestowed upon a person or people group.
- The bride & the body of Christ.
- The birthplace of evangelism & disciple making.
- The breeding ground of training & application.
- Therefore, the Church is beyond important!

2. God's Church is **centered** on the Word (vs. 1-6)

- A looming threat: false teachers.
- The great imitator. Always counterfeit.
- Doubt & dilution are his scheme.
- Within the Church. Legalists & ascetics.

3. God's Church *practices* the Word (vs. 7-12)

- **Exercise** at the **forefront**.
- **Physical** & **spiritual** training.
- A **Gospel-committed** Church.
- **Labor** & **agonize** over these things.

4. God's Church *matures* in the Word (vs. 13-16)

- For the *edification* of the Church.
- ***Never*** reaching our ***potential***.

- A military term meaning to advance.
- To *pioneer* the *trail*.

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