

ATTRACTING FAITHFUL MEN

PANNING FOR GOLD IN INDIANA

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

~ 2 Timothy 2:2

1. Attracting People

- a. Business rule: Give people what they want, not what they need.
- b. This does not work in ministry, which is supposed to give what is needed, not wanted.
- c. Big churches/ministries are not bad, but what are they attracting? With what?
- d. Attracting people is different than attracting faithful people – 1Cor 4:1-2
- e. We are looking for faithfulness. More is merrier, but the faithful are few.

2. Commit to Faithful Men

- a. 2 Timothy 2:2 – Paul instructs Timothy about how to have a successful ministry.
- b. His measure of success is not popularity, else he is a failure – 2 Tim 1:8, 2 Tim 1:15
- c. There are four generations of faithful men in 2 Tim 2:2
- d. Paul knows Timothy is able, but says he needs to teach others to be apt to teach.
- e. What Timothy needs to know -To be faithful, attract faithful men, teach them to teach
- f. If you are the faithful man, what do you need? To know how Paul taught Timothy

3. How to Attract Faithful Men

- a. Speak the truth clearly – people need to know what you are about, and what you do
 - i. “*catch more flies with honey*” – but we don’t need flies, we need faithfulness
 - ii. You will get less people, not more, but they will be the right people.
 - iii. Better to have 50 faithful, than 5000 unfaithful warm bodies.
 1. What do you do with the warm bodies? Preach to them.
 2. There are people who do not want what you have to give. Move on.
- b. Raise the bar – lowering the standard accommodates unfaithfulness
 - i. MIT, Harvard, Stanford claim to have the best and brightest, not the dumbest
 - ii. The bar for mid-Acts dispensational right division should be high.
- c. Hold the Head – Purity in ministry comes from honoring Christ, not pleasing men
 - i. God has appointed us the ministry - 1 Thess 5:24, 2 Cor 5:9-11
 - ii. Christ is where the wisdom and knowledge are at – Col 2:3
- d. Be the example – 1 Tim 4:12 – attracting faithful men requires faithful men
 - i. The Bereans searched scriptures, but where was their faithfulness? Acts 17:11
 - ii. There is a time to graduate from school, put the book down and do work.
 - iii. We must do the work for others to know how to do it – 1 Thess 1:3-8
- e. Remove obstacles – Making people jump through 10 hoops is a waste of time/effort
 - i. Make it available; provide what is needed: free books, lunch, attendance, ministry opportunities, children’s classes, no-tithing, liberty
 - ii. The danger of this is that flies are attracted to free things. We must discern.
- f. **Warning:** attracting faithful men leaves you exposed, you may be disappointed many times, but you will create faithful men.
- g. Our goal at Grace Ambassadors is to attract faithful people, but moreso, to create teachers of faithful men - (Titus 2:1-8, 2 Tim 2:2)