

REACHING WITHIN IN 2010

(Taking a good look at ourselves from within and asking God how we can become better leaders)

Psa 138:8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

INTRODUCTION

What should be the goal, dream, purpose, mission, or objective of Tabernacle of Praise? The answer is to be a green house for the preservation, production and progression of Apostolic, Holy revival not just for the city of Manteca, but reaching out to the outlying cities, Lathrop, Ripon, French Camp etc.

1. **The need is greater than just restating of the interpretation, we need the restoration of the dream.**

Dan 2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Dan 2:2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

Dan 2:3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

Dan 2:4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

Dan 2:5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

Dan 2:6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me **gifts** and **rewards** and **great honour**: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

2. **The rewards and benefits of the dream and its interpretation.**

- a. Gifts

- b. Rewards
- c. Great honor

3. **What should our dream be?**

- a. When people say God, they say Jesus
- b. When people say church, they will say Tabernacle of Praise
- c. When they say salvation, they will say Acts 3:38
- d. When people say baptism, they will say in Jesus Name!
- e. When people say Christians, they will say the Pentecostals!
- f. When people say preacher they will say Pastor Richardson, or when they say Sunday School they will say Eddie Lopez, or when they say youth they will say Oscar Rodrigues, or when they say Acts Program they will say Matthew Ortiz and Dave Ovieda etc.

4. **Three areas that need to be revisited and revived.**

- a. **Numbers and counting:** The good shepherd would have never known there were only 99 had he not counted. 99 was not good enough for our Lord, he went after the one that was unaccounted for.
- b. **Promotions and Contests:** Not coming for the right reason? So what, got to have a crowd. You have to be number one to get a trophy, or you have to have so many lucky bucks to get a prize. David was only a reporter & meals on wheels. He didn't come to kill a giant. Most people don't come with the intent to get saved. But God reaches out to them and fills them with the Holy Ghost. Contests: Get them on the pews.
- c. **Personal Evangelism:** Get them on the pews; God wants His house to be full.

Luk 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF GROWING A REVIVAL CHURCH IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Act 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

1. Leaders and ministries must be possessed by passion, vision, burden and great faith.
2. Bringing people to a beautiful environment, where there is great liberty and freedom from condemnation
3. Where there is freedom from intimidation
4. A place that involves and elevate people to spiritual heights
5. Where people are guest sensitive
6. Where people are Spirit sensitive
7. They possess the gift of encouragement and they are free from jealousy and envy.
8. They possess a team spirit
9. They are tolerant the diversities of others
10. They have a deep respect and commitment to the Man of God, the house of God and the cause of God.
11. They have a pursuit of excellence
12. Where emphasis is on keeping families saved and together
13. A church that is consistent in their message of Salvation, holiness, commitment to evangelism and in prayer and fasting.