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## Part One Review — The Role of Senior Pastors

(Link to full message - [How the Christian Church in America is Failing Men - The Role of the Senior Pastor](#) )

To begin this strong message, we looked at sobering statistics of Christian church men.

- 1) **Marriage Infidelity:** 30+% of born-again married men admitted to having affairs.
- 2) **Divorce:** 38% of people in church today have been divorced.
- 3) **Addictions:** 54% of pastors viewed pornography in the last year; 37% admit it is a current struggle. 95% of Christian men looked at porn; 54% do so with regularity. 18% of born-again Christian men admit addiction to porn. It gets worse with millennials: 77% view at least monthly; 36% daily; 32% admit having an addiction.

### Conclusions:

- 1) We don't need a roadmap out of this malaise. We need a battle plan!
- 2) No individual has a greater role and responsibility for the health and development of biblical Christian men than the senior pastor.
- 3) Numbers matter. A challenge was issued to do an analysis of the total number men in their churches, the number engaged in "man communities", and those being disciplined by the pastor.
- 4) Five reasons were given to help explain why more senior pastors are not fully invested in building an army of biblical Christian men according to God's Word and plan.

## Part Two Review – The Role of Christian Men in the Church

(Link to full message: [How the Christian Church in America is Failing Men \(Part Two\) - The Role of Church Men](#))

The following summarizes the truths associated with our part of this failure—presented solely for the purpose of helping us own, understand, and correct our part.

- 1) God is calling out His men today just as He did the prophet Ezekiel's time.
- 2) The greatest "man issue" facing the Christian church today is passivity.
- 3) Church men need to do some calling out of our own to pastors and church leaders to get serious about building and equipping men.
- 4) We listed three reasons church men do not engage: **Time. Fear. Pride.**

## **Part Three Review – The Vital Role of Christian Women in the Church**

(Link to full message: [How the Christian Church in America is Failing Men \(Part Three\) - The Role of Church Women](#))

This strong appeal began with recognizing and esteeming Christian women in the church for the vitally important role they play in the lives of the “boys to men” of the church. The call-out focused on the need to hear their voices raised on these critical issues with men. They were challenged to consider and ask questions such as these.

- What are we doing in our church to build biblical Christian boys and men?
- Ask the questions I suggested senior pastors ask themselves.
  - Do you have a vision for men in this church?
  - Do we have a “man plan” that begins with our boys?
- Can I trust the development of my husband and, equally importantly, my sons to this church?

## Closing – Biblical Context and Words of Grace

As this letter was being developed and written, I sat before the Lord in one of my quiet times and asked very directly, *“How do I close this lengthy, difficult text?”* He led me to a verse that has a lot of meaning for the church and communication among believers—Ephesians 4:29. That powerful verse gives three conditions. As the Holy Spirit bears witness, I did my best to be faithful to them. I close with three points.

† Edification. No new information was communicated here. Every fact was garnered from public information available to everyone—some in places most would never search. My hope is it was assembled and presented such that it serves as a strong admonition and reminder of one vital segment of our churches that has been, at best, underserved—men.

Every senior pastor, Christian man, and Christian woman reading this knows these truths in their hearts. If you get real honest with yourselves, many will agree with whatever part of this failure they must own and commit to change. Clearly, that is a work of the Holy Spirit and will only be wrought in the hearts of men and women of God who come before Him in humility and contrition. (Psalm 51: 17-18)

If we want to see (1) our world impacted by the love, life, and saving grace of Christ; (2) our nation turned back to the biblical principles upon which it was founded; (3) husbands who love and remain faithful to their wives; and (4) dads who stay home and set an example for their kids, the best place to begin is reaching men and teaching them how to biblical Christian men after God’s own heart.

We learned to read by learning our ABC’s and putting them together to form words. Then we used words to form sentences, and sentences to make paragraphs. We learned to multiply and divide only after learning what numbers represent and first how to add and subtract them.

Building biblical Christian men is also a process to which men like me have been called to spend our lives exhorting the church and encouraging and equipping men. We need

your commitment to engage and do your part. Prophets carry God's messages of warning to His people. It was and is incumbent upon the people to repent and change.

† Timely (according to the need of the moment). I really do not need to say much about this provision. The need could not be any clearer than watching local, national, and international news or absorbing some of the Christian man statistics I shared at the beginning of this message. In addition, you may want to read those I cited in my book regarding the numbers of men in prison, trapped in addiction, and committing suicide. The need is great—the time is NOW.

† Gives grace to the hearer. By now, most have concluded not much grace was afforded in this wake-up call. I understand that, so to be true to the entirety of the instruction in this verse, I close with this covering of grace.

- Senior Pastors. Most are committed men of God who serve and honor Him by giving their best in all they do in their service to the body of Christ. Their platters and calendars are as full as any of ours. The demands of needy church people can be a heavy burden for them and their families. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for their service. Those of us in the church need to do a better job of helping bear that burden and affording them much grace along the way.

That includes stepping up in this “man issue.” Senior pastors are the key to success in most cases, but they are not the *de facto* men's pastors on top of everything else. A wise church leadership team will figure out how to best resource this vital position, measure success, and be held accountable for the results.

- Christian men and women in the church. The same may be said of us. We need all the grace the Lord affords us that we sometimes fail to give each other or ourselves. The Lord knows we bring a lot of baggage to the table—in this case, to His church. He knows many of us have made ourselves slaves to calendars and the tyranny of what we deem urgent. He does not want us to remain there.

God's grace alone can bring the covering of peace in our hearts we so desperately seek when we lay our burdens – no matter what they are – at His feet. Only then will we be able to lift our eyes to see compelling needs such as this one. Only then will we, with glad hearts, engage in finding the answers God has for those who seek Him with all our hearts.

To God be the glory, great things He has done. I am believing Him for the “greater works” Jesus spoke of—things He will accomplish in and through the hearts and lives of humble, holy biblical Christian men and women who understand what it looks like to love and live like Jesus. Amen.

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