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OVERCOMING DECEPTION

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. (1Timothy 4:1)

Many may have forgotten that the devil exists and is out to cause problems in the world and church. Looking around at the condition of most of the church, then the nation, it seems that the devil has been, mostly, winning against a lukewarm, casual, seduced Christian church.

False doctrine from popular national and internationally known ministers has brought most of the church to a powerless position over satanic powers, demons and evil spirits. I thank God that He is raising up anointed Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers to counteract this satanic seduction of the church (*Ephesians 4: 11-16*). The Lord has raised up many anointed prayers to confront this, in the Spirit, and His plans are coming to pass.

There is a *Remnant* of His church that have not embraced these doctrines of devils, seducing spirits or lukewarm, casual Christianity. I encourage this *Remnant* to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, do not bow down to the idols of our day. The Lord will show up in all His Glory, on your behalf!

Gather The Remnant

And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. (Nehemiah 1:3-4)

While praying, about two years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ revealed to me that He was sending me to gather the *Remnant* of His people together, to accomplish His will in the earth. Many others are called to do the same thing, not just me. Of course, the only way to be successful, in the Lord, is to pray, find out what the Lord says to do and follow Him. The Lord gave me revelation about the entire book of Nehemiah, in relation to the church, and had me preach and teach on it.

Like Nehemiah, I have wept, mourned, fasted and prayed for this *Remnant* as well as those who are being seduced with doctrines of devils and casual Christianity. Many prayers that I know are doing the same thing, in the Spirit. The love of God compels me to warn the church to return to the Lord, His Word and sound doctrine. It seems, there are those who won't heed the warning and continue in error.



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What Dad Hagin Said

I was visiting with Dad Hagin and several other preachers after His meeting one night. We were in his hotel room and I was listening to Dad and the other ministers talking. Suddenly, Dad Hagin got up from his chair, walked across the room to where I was and sat down on my left, in an empty chair beside me. He placed his right arm around my shoulders. We sat this way for about one hour. He spoke with me about the last day move of God and imparted the anointing, from the Lord, to carry out this *Spiritual Work*.

“I have overcome all of those things through the blood of the Lamb and the words of my testimony.”

I hesitated, greatly, to even mention this because all hell has come against me, in the past, when I did. This experience is my spiritual lifeline of hope and faith that I will complete the assignment given to me, by the Lord. Lack of education, fear of what people think, and coming from a criminal background hindered me in the past. I believe I have overcome all of those things through the blood of the Lamb and the words of my testimony.

I have never followed Dad Hagin, Pastor Hagin, Rev. Lynette Hagin or RHEMA. I have always followed the leading of the Lord Jesus Christ. He told me I had to go by way of RHEMA to do what He called me to do, and I did. From that obedience, I received an anointing to go on in the Kingdom of God. Dad Hagin taught me to catch the next wave of the Spirit of God. I Have.

If we follow people or organizations, we will get into error if the person or organization we are following gets into error. That does not mean that we can't learn from one another, or that we don't need one another, because we do.

Jim Jones

Remember though, how the people followed Jim Jones and drank poison liquid and died? Those who realized his error and left, lived to tell their story. I am not going to drink the poison of any false doctrine. You can if you want too, trying to be accepted, approved and coddled by those in error. We must be accepted and approved by the Lord, not man.

Titanic

The Titanic, once declared the unsinkable ship, sank after hitting an iceberg. People on board that recognized it was sinking, and got off in time, survived. Many went down with the ship and died. Would you have gotten off? There is a sinking ship of false doctrine and casual, non Holy Ghost Christianity, in the Body of Christ that must be abandoned. If you don't get off, you will sink with that ship. Your anointing will lift and a spiritual deadness will come upon you. Dad Hagin prophesied in 2003, that this would occur as well.

And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. (1 Samuel 15:26-28)

BENEFITS OF ASSOCIATION

The Spirit of God prompted me to use my faith to accomplish His will in the earth last year. I took the faith His Word gave me and declared that in 2013, RGM would have the best end of the year we have ever had - Spiritually, physically, financially, materially and ministerially. It was!! I am declaring that 2014 will be the best year that we have ever had, spiritually, ministerially, physically, materially and financially. RGM will reach more people with the gospel this year than ever before. Yes, we have mountains to climb, or go through to accomplish this, but the Lord is with us and we do not fear!

Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. (Acts 27:24-25)

The law of association reveals that if you associate with someone you will benefit from their success. The Lord told me, He had given me all that sail with me. The disciples did not sink, when their boat filled with water, because they were with Jesus. This will be the best year you have ever had as you associate with RGM in faith, prayer and monthly, financial partnership.

False Christianity And Doctrine

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:4)

The poisonous doctrines of the devil in our day is the exaggerated extreme grace teaching and the casual Christianity, non Holy Ghost teaching. Several portions of major scriptures written to the church are being declared not applicable to the Christian today. This false doctrine has caused sin to be embraced and accepted by Christians. Many have backslid and live life as the unsaved, in the church. Some have gone as far as to declare that a loving God will allow Satan and the fallen angels to go to heaven. That is false doctrine.

Many ministers and pastors have declared they were wrong in their teaching on this major doctrine of grace in the church. They have now started teaching this false doctrine. I heard some of them say it personally.

Note, If they were wrong all those years, what makes them right now? Who in their right mind would want to listen to and follow someone that had not known the Word of God and the Holy Ghost for many years, and claim to be correct now?

It absolutely baffles me how any Christian could be deceived enough to do so. I do believe that people can make mistakes, fail and repent of their error. Embracing false doctrine and not repenting of it is a totally different issue though. It doesn't mean they are unsaved, but they create problems for the church.

Christian Leaders

Christian leaders, overseeing very large ministries and churches, have politically sidestepped this false doctrine. I have watched and heard, with sadness, a few of them get all worked up and declare that this false doctrine was wrong, in certain audiences they knew would not totally embrace the false teaching. The audience would glorify and praise God for the leaders stance, and the leader liked the accolades, shouts of approval and applause.

Later, in another church setting, and in their personal actions, they semi-embraced the false doctrine they spoke out against. That is deception and lies, regardless of how you try to sugar coat the error. They are building their church and ministry on falsehoods and it will all collapse, if the Bible is true. By the way, the Bible is true and means exactly what is written in it. (*Matthew 7:24-27*)

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Don’t Follow The Leader

I have observed many ministers and pastors associated with these Christian Ministries and leaders struggle to maintain their sound scriptural doctrine and practices that agree with the Bible. Some are in prestigious leadership positions that were appointed to them by these key ministries. It gives them notable recognition, perks and status that they would have no other way, without their appointed position. We should never place positions as more important than obeying the Lord.

Because of this and other fears, they don’t object to the false doctrine and actions promoted by their Christian Leader. Others, don’t want to rock the boat, so to speak, because they might be ostracized and marginalized, by those in the organization. So they don’t take a stand against false doctrine either.

Note, if you can’t resist false doctrine, how can you resist the devil? You can’t. That doesn’t mean you have to be unfriendly, mean, threatening or obnoxious but your silence states agreement with the leaders error. I can be friends with almost anyone and love all ministers and people, but that does not mean that I will follow them. *These ministers know in their spirits, by the Holy Spirit it is wrong, but go along to fit in. The devil eases them into further deception and error.*

I have been told, if you place a frog in water and bring it to a slow boil, the frog will stay in the water until it is boiled to death. If the blind leads the blind, they will both fall into the ditch. Jesus said so. *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.* (*Matthew 15:14*)

Not Silent In Love

I have talked with ministry leaders, with love, and voiced what the Lord said to me about this false error and other unscriptural, worldly practices in the church. I saw no change and it continued greatly.

One time, I spoke and then typed it out on paper and gave it to the minister because the Lord Jesus Christ told me to do so. The Holy Spirit came upon me in intercession about this leader and I wept and prayed for the situation to change until I was wrung out, so to speak. It was God Himself, by His Spirit, weeping for the person through me. (*Romans 8:26*)

His Spirit saw the future demise of the Christian ministry and did not want it to take place. Man always disobeys the Lord and fails when they do not follow His plans. He will bless them, in His mercy and grace as far as He can. The day will come when He will not put up with error any longer. His anointing will leave you and spiritual darkness will come upon you.

Fruit Of Casual Christianity

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)

When casual Christianity invaded the church, the Lord said, *“The fruit of this false move of man will be the works of the flesh found in Galatians five. Many will turn away from my Spirit and practice the sins of the flesh.”* Oh Lord, how true that was and is presently. Millions have fell prey to this deception and walk in the flesh. Sex between unmarried people, rock and roll, alcohol, drugs, lusts of the flesh, etc. are being practiced by this group. Jesus Christ is not their Lord and they are on the path of deception. I thank God that He has a chain on the devil!

Study Of Casual

Most major companies adapted the casual attitude and dress syndrome and made a shocking discovery. The bottom line was, it did not work, production was off, and sales went down. They stopped the casual policy. Dear Lord, why would the church follow this disaster and implement it? The major study of the results of this casual policy are stated below.

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Relaxed dress and attitudes lead to relaxed performance. There was an increase in tardiness, absenteeism and early departures. Foul language and inappropriate conversation increased. There was an increase in provocative actions, which led to more lawsuits. There was a decrease in polite, mannerly behavior. There was decrease in commitment and company loyalty. The study showed that there was a direct correlation between how a person dresses and how they think, feel, act and behave. That is why companies returned to a more formal dress code.

Transfer these results to the church and you will find the same in casual Christianity. Biblical morals and values have declined. More marriages end in divorce, and unmarried men and women are living together. Churches have financial problems because people don't give. Volunteers are fewer and have to be almost begged to help.

Cultural Transformation

Most all will agree there has been a negative cultural transformation in society. The *spiritual guru's* told the church, "If you're going to reach this generation, you must adapt to their culture and ways." They also said that this generation wants to be in on the decision making process. They don't want to wait and be trained, proven or developed.

Many church leaders embraced what the spiritual guru said and let this unspiritual generation take over in the church. Decisions were made only with the approval of this young, inexperienced generation.

I have watched the pastors who went this way, in their churches, loose many committed, loyal, tithe giving Christians. Many of these people that left the church, volunteered in their churches with joy. They were called old heads and stubborn. It was said they didn't want to change with the new culture and were pushed to the side.

"The church is founded on the gospel of Jesus Christ, not the culture of the times."

I personally witnessed churches loose about 75 people and others loose about 300 to 500. *Note, if all this was of the Lord, would He be motivating His people to leave His church? No. Jesus Christ adds to the church daily, not causes them to leave.* I know some of these people personally. They would give their life for the church and sacrificed to see it move forward with joy.

They told me they left because they knew in their spirits that the change of direction in the church, they once attended, was of the flesh and it grieved the Lord. They stayed as long as they could. However, they left when they knew their spiritual growth was more important than cultural change. Each one I spoke with told me they left with great sorrow.

Dealing With Cultural Change

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. (2 Corinthians 11:4)

The church is founded on the gospel of Jesus Christ, not the culture of the times. *If the culture of a generation wants you to turn away to another gospel, you cannot do so.* We openly invite all cultures to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom culture. We do not reject anyone because of their age, race, background, habits or dress. We point them to the new birth by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord.

We do not turn the church over to a generation, or accept their demands that we change Kingdom culture just to get them to attend. No thank you. We will continue to follow the Holy Ghost. If you don't want to follow Him, that is your choice and we love you. Jesus and the Holy Ghost come first though.

Just Say No

It is easier to just say "no" than it is to let a person or a generational, worldly culture tear your church or ministry apart.

It is also simpler not to compete with the so called cultural relevant church down the road, because you can't. They know how it is done and are much wiser in the ways of the world than you are.

Besides, your only anointed to operate your church or ministry the way the Lord leads. Just say no and it will save you a lot of problems, trouble and church splits. The Holy Ghost is the only agency of the Godhead at work in the earth today. When you fail to follow Him, you are on your own.

Church Growth In The USA

According to a recent study, North America is the only continent where *Christianity is not growing*. A study also showed that 70 to 80 percent of church growth can be attributed to *the movement of Christians from one church to another*. Look around and see.

The estimated unreached American population is over 200 million people. The fields are white unto harvest. *It is shocking to realize the United States has now become the new mission field of the world*. It is time to quit playing footsies with the church down the road and reach the unchurched of our nation. Get filled up with the Holy Ghost and go and get the lost.

HOW TO GROW CHURCHES

There was an old gentleman that went bird hunting with some younger men. He watched, amused, as they excitedly shot at all the birds flying by, but rarely hitting any of them. Finally he spoke up to give them some advice about aiming correctly. They laughed at him and told him they knew how to shoot a gun and aim at birds.

They got tired and decided to let the old man try a few times. The old gentleman took aim at the birds in the sky. They got impatient with him because he took too long to fire the gun.

Finally, he pulled the trigger, a big boom sounded, and two birds fell out of the sky. The young men were amazed and wanted to know how in the world he killed two birds with one shot! He asked if they really wanted to know. They exclaimed, "Yes!" He said, "Are you sure?" They shouted, "Yes!" He said, "Okay, the way I killed two birds with one shot is *I aimed at them*." Many churches are scatter shooting when they should be aiming at a specific target, in a specific way.

"They leave with that feeling of fulfillment and live as a lost person."

You Must Be Born Again

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)

These words of Jesus are many times overlooked when strategies are planned to grow the church.

Jesus said a person must be *born again* to see, understand or enter the Kingdom of God. *The main focus of reaching the lost should be centered around this spiritual fact*. No one can be born again without the spirit of God recreating their human spirit by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord.

Mental agreement of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not being born again. It is mental agreement. Many methods to reach the lost today appeal to the senses or mind of a person. Many even declare that repentance means a change of mind, but it is a change of the heart or spirit of a human being. Many gospel messages stimulate the mind but never reach the spirit of man. Therefore, people are not born again and Christians that hear do not grow and develop spiritually.

The Outward Focus

Well meaning churches and ministers have raced to see who can have the largest show. Rock concert lighting dazzles the people, fog machines spew and bellow fog clouds through the auditorium. Mood lighting, fit for a seance, is dimmed at just the right moment. The latest song, usually written by an unspiritual person, blasts out of the sound system and people get the feeling. They leave with that feeling of fulfillment and live as a lost person. Even the message taught made them feel good. Later, the emptiness returns inside their spirit.

I do not say these things to be condemning or unloving, but to point out how futile and counterproductive these human methods are, at growing the church. Jesus said you must be born again, not dazzled and entertained until you go blind, choke on the fog, or you die. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on these items and equipment by the church. If the Bible is true, it is all in vain and you might as well build a fire with the money wasted.

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
(Acts 4:13)*

You don't have to be smart, intelligent or know everything to understand this. Just think of how ignorant and immature I am. I know it from simply reading the Bible. I admit I am unlearned, but I have studied the Bible extensively and know the Holy Ghost. That has been my major quest in life, because that is all that counts in the end when life is over.

I know that all these things grieve the Holy Ghost and are worth a pile of dung, in church growth strategies. There is a way that seems right to man but the end thereof are the ways of death. Lets look at the way to Biblically grow the church.

Steps to Church Growth 101

The truths I am about to share for church growth have been proven. The church I pastored went from 11 people to over 120 in 6 months. Another church went from 25 to over 600 in 2 1/2 years.

- 1.** The pastor must take time to pray and seek God and teach his people to do the same or there will be no anointing. Crucify the flesh and seek spiritual things. Yes, for hours. This binds Satan and his evil also.
- 2.** Fast some while you are praying, or live a fasted life. I guarantee you it will increase the anointing, revelation and power of God flowing through you. I have proven it to be so. Jesus did also.

3. Teach on faith and prayer, especially on the prayer of agreement. The people will grow and develop in their faith and so will you, in doing this. Faith pleases God. *(Matthew 18:18-19)*

4. Ask people in your church to volunteer to believe for one local person's salvation, by name. Don't force folks to do it, it won't work.

“Don't be shocked when you wake the devil up and he is upset with your actions.”

5. Gather those who volunteer to come to a special prayer meeting. Remember, this is already a praying church.

6. The pastor or leader should pray the prayer of agreement and call the person's name, out loud, they are believing for.

Let each person in the group call the person's name out loud they are believing for. Claim the people's salvation and agree together it is done, praising God.

7. Don't be shocked when you wake the devil up and he is upset with your actions. He has been sleeping on the front pew or in the rafters. Stand your ground and bind and cast him out in the name of Jesus.

8. Prepare your leaders and departments for growth. Teach them how to make disciples out of those in their care.

9. Minister to all the people in your church and do not cater to one special generation or group.

10. Minister by the Word and Spirit. Let the Holy Ghost break out in your church and the fire will fall! You can't contain it, so flow with it. **IT IS GLORIOUS!** *(end)*

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