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**LOOKING AT THE  
CHURCH WITH  
A FRESH HEART:**

**GOD'S WORD**

**SELECTED  
SCRIPTURES**

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## **CHARACTERISTICS OF “CHURCH DATERS”**

- **(1) Me Centered –**The main concern of this “consumer” is: **“What can the church do for me?”**
- **(2) Independent-** Can be faithful to do “what they are supposed to do,” after all it is what a “good Christian does.” But, they are careful to be involved especially with people.
- **(3) Critical-** Looking for the best product of the price for our Sunday morning and the result is we are fickle like a lover with a wandering eye always looking for something better. (“The Boyfriend who does not want to get married and wants to be allowed to date other people.”)

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**FOR THE CHURCH TO BE WHAT IT IS  
SUPPOSED TO BE IN OUR LIVES**

**WE MUST MOVE FROM**

- **Transaction to Covenantal.**
- **Attender to Member.**
- **Guest to Owner.**
- **Dating to Marriage.**
- **Mom and Dad's Church to I am going to Onw My Onw Faith.**

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Since, then, I heard of this faith of yours in the Lord Jesus and the practical way in which you are expressing it towards fellow Christians, I thank God continually for you and I never give up praying for you; and this is my prayer. That God, The God of our Lord Jesus Christ and the all-glorious Father, will give you spiritual wisdom and the insight to know more of him; that you may receive that inner illumination of the spirit which will make you realise how great is the hope to which he is calling you---the magnificence and splendour of the inheritance promised to Christians—and how tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God.

Ephesians 1:15-19 (JB Phillips New Testament)

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**(37) When they heard this, they came under deep conviction and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: “Brothers, what must we do?” (38) “Repent,” Peter said to them, “and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**

**Acts 2:38-39 (HCSB)**

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(41) **So those who accepted the message** were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people **were added to them.** (42) And **they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching,** to the fellowship, the breakin gof bread, and to the prayers.

**Acts 2:41-42 (HCSB)**

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## ACTS 2:42 DESCRIBES THE ACTIVITIES OF MAKING DISCIPLES



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(1) In those days, as **the number of the disciples was multiplying**, there arose a complaint by the **Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews** that their **widows** were being overlooked in the **daily distribution**.

Acts 6:1 (HCSB)

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**IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT  
FOR US TO:**

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(2) Then the Twelve **summoned the the whole companies of the disciples** and said: **“It would not be right for us to give up preaching about God** to handle financial matters. (3) Therefore, brothers, select from among you, seven men of good reputation, **full of the Spirit** and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty. (4) **But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry.**

Acts 6:2-4 (HCSB)

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## WARNINGS IN THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

- Warnings in 1 Timothy: 1:3-4, 1:6-7, 4:1-2, 4:7a, 6:3-5; 6:20.
- Warnings in Titus: Titus 1:10-14; Titus 3:9
- Warnings in 2 Timothy (Last Book Paul wrote): 2:16-18; 4:3-4 (Itching Ears).

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## **SUMMARY WARNINGS IN PASTORAL EPISTLES PART I**

- **Different Doctrine**
- **Endless Genealogies**
- **Vain Discussion**
- **Deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**
- **Silly muths**
- **Irreverent Babble**
- **Contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge.**

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## **SUMMARY WARNINGS IN PASTORAL EPISTLES PART 2**

- **Insubordinate empty talkers and deceivers**
- **Jewish myths and the commands of people**
- **Foolish controversies**
- **Quarrels about the law**
- **Itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.**

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- (3) For **the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine,** but **according to their own desires,** will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new, (4) They will turn away from hearing the truth and turn aside to myths.

**2 Timothy 4:3-4 (HCSB)**