



Pastor Titus A. White, Sr.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

WOW – Word on Wednesday
SERIES: A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH
Lesson #2 – Seven Pillars

Intro: The Church is the bride of Christ. As disciples of Jesus, we gather together to celebrate our risen Savior, but to also learn and grow together. We do this so we can go out and share the Gospel with those who are unsaved. God intends for the Church to be more than a charitable organization – we must be distinct from the world! This series will focus on the foundation of God’s Church – a Purpose Driven Church! Tonight, we will continue our lesson on Seven Pillars of the Church.

I. Pillar #4 – A Laboring Member

- a. We’re all part of the workforce of the Church.
- b. Our work is part of our witness. Colossians 3:23
- c. Our work is essential to everyone. Philippians 2:12
- d. Our labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- e. Our work is urgent. John 9:4
- f. Our labor carries on the works of charity. Galatians 6:10

The pillar of the Church is a laboring membership that seeks to carry on the Lord’s mission.

II. Pillar #5 – A Growing Member & Membership

- a. A congregation should always be looking ahead and have a vision to look ahead. Proverbs 29:18
- b. This is a two-fold process: we must grow individually and collectively.
- c. Know where you are growing spiritually, mentally, financially. 1 Timothy 4:15
- d. Know where you are **not** growing: lazy, lethargic, burnout, wipe-out. Proverbs 13:4
- e. Know where the Church is going: forward, backwards, or stuck in the middle. Philippians 3:13-14

III. Pillar #6 – A Disciplined Member – *The Church must be subject to rule and order.* 1 Corinthians 14:40

- a. We must all be walking by the same rule. Philippians 3:16
- b. We must all withdraw from the disorderly. 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- c. There are two purposes for this:
 - 1. To motivate them toward repentance. 1 John 1:9
 - 2. To protect the Church from evil influence. Psalm 92:11

IV. Pillar #7 – A Worshipful Member

- a. Pure and sincere worship must be in Spirit and in truth. John 4:24
- b. The right attitude of praise. Psalm 33:1
- c. The heart of thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30
- d. Continuing steadfastly in His Word, will, and way. Acts 2:42
- e. We assemble, not out of habit, but because we desire to worship Him sincerely from the heart.

~If you take away any pillar of the Church, it will lean and eventually fall!~