

A Lessons For Life Book



**DESIGNING
A NEW CHURCH
TO MEET
GOD'S NEEDS**



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I n t r o d u c t i o n

Based on 1st Corinthians 9:19-23, I've witnessed churches who are trying to build new buildings, focus on what it will look like on the outside, but they rarely lay the foundation for what will be inside.

This book teaches how to develop ministries that meet today's problems head on, such as teen pregnancy, drug addiction, and other issues such as taking back our neighborhoods by being ever present as a pillar.

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also teaches how churches should be the primary source for meeting various needs of the people in its own community. And how doing that, will enable those same people to be a blessing to the church by giving of their time, talents, and tithes.

Focusing on helping meet various needs of the people right in your own community does several things, such as:

Lets people who live in your community know you care.

Most of the members of churches these days travel across several miles of their cities and suburbs to worship at places well away from their own community. Why? Various reasons. But then they wonder why certain things happen in their community when crime rate goes up, housing values go down, etc.

My suggestion is simple. If you live in a community, you should consider yourself part of that community, and therefore should attend church there, raise your kids in schools there, buy grocery there, rent movies there, get gas there, etc.

The point I'm trying to make is this:



If you're traveling to someone else's community to attend church services, to worship, and fellowship with others who like you, don't live in that community, rather than contributing anything of value to that community, you're actually taking from it.



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Chapter One

I'm not a licensed or certified architect, but many say I'm certainly qualified to be. In fact, I've designed two proposed church campuses, including everything from the initial floor plan, to the space requirements, the types of materials, all the way out to the site plan and curb appeal.

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Even with smaller projects, I've been in architectural design for many years. I've seen many church designs. But even though there are some great renderings of the outside, as a church, pastor, members of the congregation, what does your ideal church look like, inside? First, if you started answering the question, you've already gotten the answer wrong. The right answer is "Who cares what I think...what does God want!?"

Forget the physical building. Focus on the structure of the ministry. If you had 12 people that were completely committed to your mission, and they were ready to go out and represent the church in any capacity needed, in order to help meet the primary vision of the church, which is to help lead more people to Christ, what would your church look like, on the inside?

Jesus established the basic foundation in Matthew 25:35-46, but few, if any of the issues that people face today existed 2000 years ago, so Jesus relies on the Christians He left behind to use our eyes, ears, mouths, and body to represent Him in today's society.

Jesus set the course for ministry with feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, ministering to prisoners, helping strangers, and spending time with widows and orphans. He wants us to establish the same basic ministries that can help meet the needs of today's society.

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Ministries that deal with issues such as:

Teen pregnancy

Drug addiction

Sexual abuse

Teenage suicide

Peer pressure

College scholarships

Families of Incarcerated Parents



...and here's how.



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God is the author of the Bible. It is our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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