

CHURCH HISTORY

Revisited
30 YEARS AGO...

FOUNDATIONAL MINISTRY PRINCIPLES OF NEW LIFE CHURCH: 1984-85

1. Our driving motivation must be to “do all to the GLORY OF GOD” – I Cor.10:31
2. *“Nothing of eternal significance ever happens apart from PRAYER”* – E.M. Bounds
3. Every believer must take every opportunity to EVANGELIZE every lost person at every possible opportunity – Acts 1:8
4. The SAINTS are to do the work of the ministry (Eph.4:12). The pastors’ job is equipping the saints to do the work – Acts 6:4
5. The absolute first prerequisite for any and all places of leadership is GODLINESS: one’s continual growing love relationship with the Lord – I Tim.4:12
6. People are to be ministered to and MATURED, not manipulated – I Thess.2:7-8
7. Sheep need to be fed a strong, authoritative, lively, practical, consistent, systematic, expository diet of THE WORD OF GOD – I Pet. 5:2
8. We must strive for EXCELLENCE as far as possible. All things are to be done “decently and in order” (I Cor.14:40). Physical organization and planning can prevent spiritual breakdowns.
9. A LEADER is one who knows where God wants him to go and can take others with him (I Cor.11:1). He is a SERVANT, dedicated to sacrificing in order that others might succeed spiritually – Mark 10:44-45
10. The “one thing” which is most needful is one’s close RELATIONSHIP with Jesus – Luke 10:38-42
11. Every new convert and reclaimed believer are to be followed up and DISCIPLED – Matt.28:19-20; Col.1:28
12. Our ultimate objective is the fulfilling of The GREAT COMMISSION – Matt.28:19-20
13. Godly HOMES and FAMILIES are essential for a strong church – Eph.5:21-33
14. Believers are responsible for loving and ministering to ONE ANOTHER – Matt.22:39; Rom.12:10
15. All policies, programs, and plans must meet the criteria: Is it BIBLICAL? Is it GOD-HONORING?

Today’s Takeaway...