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Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;  
2 Chronicles 16:9

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**Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness  
Needed to Know and Relate to Our Most  
Perfect God Toward His Fulness**

(Seeking to Gain God's Best in the Mature Spiritual  
Ability Needed Now and Especially in Eternity for  
Fellowshipping with God In More of His Greatness.)

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## ORIENTATION AND PURPOSE●1

(Through out this report, we encourage you to be outcome oriented, and not mainly procedurally oriented. Thus, live to know and relate to God, not just know about God. Thus, seek maturity in Christ, not just spiritual growth. Evangelize complete local areas, not just do some evangelism. Aim your life for eternity, not just for the present.)

This newsletter report presents a detailed summary and orientation of many aspects needed for us to become more mature in Christ-likeness so that we can know and relate to our most perfect and infinite God more intimately, both now, but especially in eternity. This detailed summary and orientation allows us to quickly gain many principles and important factors involved. The details and Scriptural development are found in the referenced documents.●2 ***You are greatly encouraged***

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**1. VIEWS:** That presented is the author's understanding and views taken from many sources as well as from his own studies. But please read and pray about what is presented. Send comments and other needed aspects. We need to help each other. There is much to learn, and being gifted differently, we may have different and much needed insights.

This report is written like an engineer would write, attempting to find and present many of the needed principles. I have worked as a system engineer for many years, and with this training, I study the Bible from this perspective. Everything must be there and work and implement our customer's requirements. In this sense, our head is God. We want to implement all of His requirements, so that we can become the person He intends. We can do no different, if, as stated many times, we appreciate His extreme Greatness.

**In my view, all of biblical history and principles taught are so that we can become mature in Christ-likeness so that we can know and relate to our perfect God in His Greatness throughout eternity. Apart from this, as will be presented many times, there is nothing. As will be stated many times, we need to train our children and youth to walk by strong faith, particularly as the endtimes Tribulation comes, so they will not fall away under the coming Tribulation, and by doing so, gain more maturity by which to relate to God.**

**2. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:** Read these documents next on our web site under TRAINING: (1) *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness in Relationship Living*; and (2) *Seek God's Best and Greatness: Pursue Spiritual Maturity in Christ-Likeness as God Commands With Excellence and Great Commitment*. Please read the many other referenced documents presented later in this report on many subjects.

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**to read these next.**

We are presenting this subject to encourage our churches to mature their people as God commands (e.g. Hebrews 6:1) and bring concepts that are needed because many of our churches, by their actions and training, do not appear to realize (or accept the concept) that the main reason we are here is to gain a maximum mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. It is not just to become a Christian and grow somewhat in Christ. This maturity is needed so we can know and relate to our most perfect and infinite God in His Greatness, living by His holiness and righteousness in intimate fellowship with Him and each other forever. They do not appear to realize (or accept the concept) that the spiritual ability we have at death, we can have forever. ***These being true, by dumbing down our teaching in our churches, we are making a most terrible eternal mistake.*** We can be limiting our capability to know and relate to God in eternity to the degree that He desires. And additionally by dumbing down, we can be helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation by having sins of omission of not adequately maturing our people as God commands.

Thus, we are presenting this newsletter report to bring many of the essentials to help us, by presenting aspects of the needed pathway, under God's leading and working in us, to gain this mature spiritual ability at the higher skill levels. We will need to help each other here so we can better know the overall picture. None of us have all the details. This newsletter report is to bring added value for the Church I love. It is so churches and ourselves can do personal inspection, know more of what to do, and make needed changes so that we have more of God's best.

This newsletter report, in 23 pages, is organized with the following topics: ***Basic Understandings, Many Requirements Integrated Together Needed to Become Mature in Christ-likeness, Summary of Key Benefits, Understanding Important Aspects, Symptoms and Causes, Practical Aspects, Good Things to Do, and Summary Thoughts.***

## **BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS**

**(Listing of Aspects to be Learned and Lived Out)**

***God has planned this lifetime to take responding people as He works in them, first to become a Christian to be joined with Christ with eternal life,●3 and then, most importantly afterward, to become mature in Christ-likeness with high-skill spiritual ability in relationship living so that we can know and relate to Him in His Greatness both now and especially in eternity.*** It is so we can live amidst His great Glory in and by His holiness, righteousness, and perfection, and have intimate fellowship with Him and then with each other forever. Relating to God is the goal. Becoming a Christian is a most vital and necessary step needed to begin this lifetime pursuit and training only by His ways. ***We must clearly understand, that apart from relating to God in His fullness in the eternal, there is nothing else. We must have mature spiritual ability to do this to the degree He has planned. Thus, we must pay careful attention to obey God toward the fullest in His Word (the Holy***

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There are many facets to the diamond. It takes time to see them. Take the time to have God's best.

**3. BECOMING A CHRISTIAN:** If you want to become a Christian or want to lead others to become a Christian, read the document on our website under **TRAINING:** *Becoming a Christian.*

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***Bible), now in our lifetime:***

*Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ (the A,B,C's of the Christian life), let us press on to maturity (Greek: perfection; learning to live as Christ lives), not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*

*Colossians 1:28 - And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete (perfect and mature) in Christ.*

*Phillippians 3:8-11 - More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

*Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.*

***To become mature in Christ-likeness, it is essential to appreciate the concept of God's Absolute and Infinite Greatness.●4●5*** Then, we will seek to discover *all* of His direction for all things in thought and in deed (actions and works) for our lives in the Bible so that all of life comes from God and nothing from ourselves as a source. This results in God being God all in all as He has planned. Then when people see us, they will see only Him, because we, from ourselves as a source, will be doing nothing. (This is how our Lord Jesus lives, and we are told to live as He lives.) Then we will seek to live out all of His direction in excellence. We will pray for more understanding and continue searching for His direction. We will need to help each other in this search because we are spiritually gifted differently - we can see things differently.

*1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him (Christ) ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.*

Appreciating God's Greatness, we will plan to have worship services that bring maximum worship

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**4. GOD'S ATTRIBUTES:** Read our paper on *The Attributes of God* under **TRAINING** to gain aspects of God's Greatness.

**5. ACCURACY:** If we are to learn God's way and have His best with accuracy, we should use only the most accurate translated Bibles in our language. The most accurate translated Bibles from the original languages in English, in my perception, are the King James and the New American Standard. The most accurate King James is the American Standard Bible of 1901. We should inspect the original languages as needed in the Hebrew, Greek, etc. There are many Bibles that are translated more for readability than for accuracy from the original languages. They take more liberty in the translation from the original languages. One can learn error without realization by using them regularly. Many are often called paraphrased additions. **I do not even what to hear them read. My memorization is in the most accurate Bibles listed above.**

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and honor to Him. We will want to praise Him for who and what He is and be thankful for what He has done for us. But the worship should (must) be God and not man centered. We should choose the best music (such as the great hymns with good doctrine and other high quality spiritual songs, but not loud dominate repetitive rock type beat music) that bring praise to Him from our hearts.●6

*Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

**We must trust God to work all things together for our (ultimate) good. In His Greatness, He is the only one qualified.** This means, we must trust Him to live the head and God role. We activate our faith in Him to do so by and from our love, keeping His commandments, and from His purpose for us, helping to accomplish His work. When we, ourselves, attempt to work all things together for good, we act the head and god role. We can do this wrong approach in our lives and in our churches. This results in sin. This was the great sin of Satan. Being enamored with himself, he wanted to be equal with God, so he lived out the head and god role. We are unable to live the ultimate head role in righteousness without sin. (We can become heads over others under God's headship and direction.) We must always live the servant role in total obedience when relating to God. All sin is derived from ourselves taking charge (living as the ultimate head over our lives, attempting to work all things together for good) even when we do not desire to do so.

**Understanding God's Greatness, then, for us to live by His holiness and righteousness, we will seek to respond to God such that we will obey every thought and action in our daily lives that He brings to us from Himself as a source.** We need to know the Scriptures for this to happen toward the fullest. All of His overall or major direction is found now in the Bible. He will direct us specifically in our lives. We all are in training here. God will equip us (or has) with gifts, stations in life, and other spiritual abilities so that we will respond individually and as a team. When this happens, then God is God all in all. This is what God has planned.

***Apart from relating to our perfect God, as stated, there is nothing. How can there be? He is the only person who has value and absolute perfection in all things (that are without sin or error of any kind or amount). He is the only one who is holy, righteous, true, and knows all things that can be learned, exist, or be known.***

***We are to live by the faith to believe that God is directing our lives all the time.*** For this to happen such that we obey, we need to know the Scriptures that apply to the many aspects of our lives so we can respond in obedience as He leads us with His Holy Spirit. (If we do not know the Scriptures, we can be unknowingly following a spirit that is not of God, believing we are following the Holy Spirit.) The Bible teaching of the filling of the Holy Spirit implies the Spirit is leading us to obey particular Scriptures or what is based on Scripture. ***As presented elsewhere, our Lord said to Satan when he was tempting Him to disobey: "It is written" (meaning in the Bible to obey God the Father). We must be able to say the same thing when we are tested and then obey God using the Scripture. But this implies we know the Scriptures.***

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**6. HYMNS:** When we refer to hymns throughout this report, we also include spiritual songs that bring praise to the Lord, but never loud rock-type repetitive beat music.

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***In order to have only God guide our lives, we need to be humble before God allowing Him to take charge.*** We are to wait upon Him without taking charge. We must give up every aspect of pride. We must have death to self rule and self importance and live out what Christ is working in us. Christ must preeminence in all things.

*Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*

***As stated, God alone has value.*** We have value when God puts His value in us. Thus, all what we have of value came from God and none from ourselves as a source. We cannot and should not take credit for anything. For this to happen to the utmost, we must respond as a servant to Him as head in everything. We have no intrinsic value or truth in ourselves. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Truth, the Way, and the Life. ***We need to have the attitude of kneeling and falling on our faces before the Lord, appreciating His infinite Greatness and Glory.*** ●7 ***We can (should) have this attitude in our worship services.*** We should implement what we believe is His plan for our lives that must come from the Bible or at least have roots in the Bible.

***God has given us life in this lifetime for His purposes and for us to develop and have the best life in Him that is possible. He wants us to have His best in eternity. Thus, we should be thankful that we exist, pursue maturity in Christ, and not waste our lives by going our own way and/or not pursuing ALL that He has planned for us. We should pursue all that He has planned with excellence and completeness. Thus, we must by necessity avoid sins of omission (what we are not doing, but should be doing) as well as those of commission (wrong things). We may need to go through major testings, sufferings, and persecutions to test and develop our faith and love obedience.***

## MANY REQUIREMENTS INTEGRATED TOGETHER NEEDED TO BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST-LIKENESS

***(All of the following principles need to be integrated and lived out in life-long training for one to have maturity at the higher spiritual ability levels and to know and to relate to God and Christ in a more mature manner in their greater fulness. Undoubtedly, there are more.)***

**We must learn to live as Christ lives with everything for life coming from God the Father.** As stated, when living this way and people see us, they will see God the Father, because we are thinking and doing only that which came from Him as a source, nothing from ourselves as a source. (We cannot reach the higher mature spiritual ability levels with anything coming from us as a source. We must log the most time we can living by only what comes from God as a source. We have no truth or value inherently in or derived from us as a source. We can make plans for how to carry out God's direction, and then trust Him, not ourselves, to guide us and bring or obtain results.

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**7. HALLELUJAH CHORUS:** When this chorus is sang, the tradition is to stand. Thinking of God's infinite Greatness and Absolute Perfection, my heart wants for me to kneel.

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All of life is to be lived by God's principles found only in the Bible.)

Our spiritual maturity is and can be measured only by God. ***The measure of our spiritual maturity, at our individual spiritual ability levels, is how we respond to God's leading in every aspect of life in comparison to how Christ, being perfect, would respond, if He were to act in our place. The measurement of our actual maturity is how close does our thinking and life match living in the manner as our Lord lives as defined by Scripture.*** We are to live as He lives in obedience to the Father and to Christ. With different levels of maturity, God will very likely lead us in different ways and amounts commensurate with our maturities, gifts, callings, and trained spiritual abilities to respond.

Thus, we must live in head-subordinate relationships patterned after our Lord's walk with the Father. **CHRIST IS OUR ROLE MODEL FOR OUR SERVANT ROLE. (The Father is our role model in application when we are heads over others - such as fathers, but all under Christ as our head and led of the Holy Spirit.)** This life implies that we know the many ways that the Father leads and the Son obeys. We must learn and live out the principles of biblical head-subordinate relationships for us to become mature in Christ. These are to be a pattern for our lives. (I have many of these principles in ppt charts under TRAINING on my web site.●8) Thus, we should seek to live under authority everywhere, obeying God as the higher authority.

**We are to live to glorify God, not ourselves. Thus, everything we do, think, and say must come from God in the Bible as a source and as led of God. God does not accept glory from us - things that come from us as a source. We glorify God only by giving back to Him in faith (and love)-obedience what He has given to us.**

*John 5:41 - "I do not receive glory from men;*

Our Lord said: "I glorified Thee (His Father) on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do."

***Please grasp this concept: If we will become more mature in Christ, living more godly, and help accomplish more of His work, we will glorify God much more. We are giving back to Him in our Christian lives and His work what He has given to us. Thus, one motivation for becoming mature in Christ is to bring "much more" glory to God. This happens because when people see us, they see more of God and less of us. In this, God is glorified. Living this way, we can be an example for others to follow.***

**We must live by love demonstrated in sacrificial service to be anything. If we have all knowledge and all faith, but do not have and live by love, we are nothing.** We demonstrate

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**8. TRAINING CHARTS;** See the training charts we have under **TRAINING** on our web site for how we walk as Christ walked with the Father and how this relationship is the basis for all other head-subordinate relationships especially including those for marriage. The title is *Christian-Life Relationship Principles*. I have taught these principles for many years including information taken from others.

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our love by keeping (obeying) God's commandments, and when we do, we abide in His love. We are to love God with our total being and love others as we love ourselves. If we appreciate God's infinite Greatness, we can do nothing else, but love Him.●9 This implies we know the commandments and are serving Him and each other sacrificially. ***These principles are fundamental to the Christian life.***

**We are to live out God's commandments and ways to demonstrate our love for God and others.** However having great love, we will not have a life just based on knowledge. We will have experience living out God's principles and obeying His commandments. **When we live by love, obeying God to keep His commandments, we live holy and righteous lives as defined by and coming from God.** Our love will cause us to reach out sacrificially to help others in need and share the Gospel with them. When we live sufficiently this way, we abide in the vine of Christ, and we will have fruit of the Holy Spirit●10 in our lives, souls, and ministry. Our strength for living will be in God and not in ourselves. We are to live out the life that Christ is living in us. Thus, we are to live as being connected to the vine of Christ. Our families will be walking with God following our example. The fruit is a demonstration we are walking with God.

One can have much or great knowledge of the Bible, but if one does not love God to live out His principles and obey His commandments and serve others sacrificially, one is very likely immature in Christ.●11 Thus, we need a balance of knowledge and loving service. Having knowledge of the Scriptures should lead to life that depends upon and obeys God in everything. If one depends mostly upon his knowledge without adequate love, he most likely will be attempting to manage his own life, instead of trusting God to do so. One can lead churches this way. He will attempt to live the god rather than the servant role. This probably is by default and without desire. It can be from pride. However, doing this is sin. But in our immaturity, we all most likely do this to some or much extent.

***We are to live by faith that pleases God.*** We are to believe that God is a rewarder to all those who diligently seek Him. We must live by faith for God to direct every aspect of our lives. Read the faith chapter of Hebrews 11 for many Bible people who walked by faith, trusting God to fulfill His promises to them and lead them in His Plan. (When we do not live by faith, we are trusting in ourselves.)

Thus, we will trust God to fulfill His promises to us, and we will activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promise. Because He, not us, is working all things together for our good, and

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**9. LOVE:** As an example, we chose our spouse in marriage for who and what they were. We wanted a relationship with our future spouse. Thus, we will love God for who and what He is. We can do nothing less. We will serve others sacrificially because the God we love, has asked us to so. And as He loved us by giving us Christ on the Cross so we will not perish, we will (are to) share this Cross with others so they will not perish because we love them.

**10. FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** ***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.***

**11. BIBLE TRAINERS:** This can include pastors, teachers, and Bible college professors who mainly and only have much knowledge of Bible content.

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we are obeying His instructions, we are living without sin. This is because all is coming from Him as a source with nothing coming from us as a source. And when we live this way, we gain more revelation from God. This life implies we know the promises, and the correct ones, to respond to God's leading. We should memorize many of them.

Thus, if we want God to reveal the deep things of the Bible, particularly regarding the Christian life and becoming mature in Christ (even to know endtimes Bible prophecy), we must learn to walk by great faith in Him to do as He promises. We must obey the instructions with the promises to activate our faith. Faith without works that activates our faith is dead. Thus, if we study the Bible for content, but do not live by sufficient faith, we may not gain the secrets of living a mature Christian life with God and to know and to relate to Him more intimately. Not walking by faith as Christians, we can have fellowship with each other in the Cross, but not as much in divine life and in God's work. We can believe doctrines (such as endtimes prophecy) and live life principles differently. ●12 We will lack adequate unity with Him, and then with each other. Thus, we need to train to become mature in Christ, learning to do **everything** that God wants done and to the degree by which He wants it done.

We need to learn to gain and walk by mature faith in our perfect God. In heaven, as now, we will most likely never physically see God the Father. He is everywhere. We will see the Lord. The Bible teaches that no man has seen God the Father at any time. Thus we need to walk by strong faith so we can have a great trust in God to carry out more of His promises, both now, but especially in eternity.

**In order to find God's will sometimes such as in the obeying of His instructions, and commandments, we may need to take faith-action steps.** Doing this, we discover His will as and after we take these faith-action steps. He leads us as we walk by faith.

**We are to live holy without immorality.** When we become immoral using our sin natures, we, in effect during this time period, place ourselves under the headship of Satan. God's headship is: God the Father, Christ, the husband, the wife, and then the children.

**We are to live by hope that Christ will come for us one day.** Thus, we purpose to live, obeying God in all His ways, and keeping ourselves holy without immorality.

**Living in Christ, we will seek out to fellowship and worship with other believers.** We will be working to share the Gospel in some manner, either directly or indirectly, so that others can be saved. (Have you and/or your friends ever led one to believe the Gospel to be saved? Does your church regularly evangelize in the community?)

*Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

**We are to take on the spiritual character quality requirements for elder and deacon leadership and those of the beatitudes.**

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**12. DIFFERENCES:** Our churches today have different doctrines, ministries, practices, and music. Thus, we interpret Scripture differently and have different maturity levels. Of course, we can be led differently.

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We must clearly understand that we are to train our people, not just teach them. Teaching very often only includes the what to's. Training adds the how to's with actual testimony for how the principles have been and are to be lived out. It adds methods by which to apply the teachings in actual practice in some form of on-the-job training. One can use case studies for how to apply the principles to life situations. One can practice them in ministry, in families, and in industry. If one only teaches the what to's (without the how to's and without testimony), they can come across as if no one has lived the principles out before.

**Training helps to gain this maturity can be summarized by having training in (all four main topics are needed):**●13 (1) *worshiping, glorifying, pleasing, honoring, and obeying God etc;* (2) *living godly lives in relationship living by faith and sacrificial love patterned after our Lord's walk with the Father;* (3) *helping to accomplish God's work of area-wide evangelism, discipleship to maturity, planting new churches, building godly families, and helping the needy;* and (4) *learning and standing strong on the Christian-Faith Doctrines for which we believe and are willing to die.*●14 **There is much breadth-width and detail in each one of these. Carrying out these aspects is the work and primary purposes of the Church. We will most likely be tested in all of these.**

Churches will need to develop a compete and thorough curriculum with applications for this to happen that represents a version of God's Whole Counsel. Does your church have one? Does mine? (If so, what does it include?)

**Read our report on our web site under TRAINING entitled: *Living by God's Righteousness.*** It contains many commandments to obey, the principles of love, promises to live by, the spiritual characteristics for church leadership, Psalms with which to praise God, the attributes of God, and aspects on prayer. Several pages of this report can be read daily in devotions. This is what I do.

### **SUMMARY OF KEY BENEFITS** (Many presented elsewhere)

**Becoming mature in Christ, living as He lives, we will have the only perfect life that exists.**

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**13. CHRISTIAN-LIFE PRINCIPLES:** In our view, the minimum principles that should be taught with training to become mature in Christ should include the following (I have taught these over the years): (1) The Attributes and Character Qualities of God in His Greatness; (2) God's Goal: Mature High-Skill Spiritual Ability in Christ-Likeness; (3) Learning to Live Patterned After the Father and Son Relationship; (4) Head-Subordinate Relationships; Building Strong Families; Patterned After Christ's Walk With the Father; (5) Living by Faith; Claiming and Using the Promises; (6) Living Testings and Sufferings that Develop our Faith; (7) Living by the Love that Keeps God's Commandments and Serves Others Sacrificially; (8) Living by Hope that Keeps One Pure; (9) Living Necessary Attitudes, Character Qualities, and Doctrines; (10) Having a Strong Prayer Life; (11) Living God's Way Under Spiritual Warfare; (12) Learning to Teach, Lead, Witness, and Evangelize; (13) Establishing and Operating Small Home Groups; (14) Recognizing and Correcting Spiritual Problems; Counseling; and (15) Methods and Devotions that Develop Our Personal Walk with God.

**14. CHRISTIAN-FAITH DOCTRINES:** You can refer to my doctrinal beliefs on my web site under **ABOUT US** and in more detail under **TRAINING** as example doctrinal statements of belief. Check out those of your church.

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We will walk, relate to, and know the most and only perfect God. Having this maturity, and in eternity, He will direct every thought and action we will ever have. We will obey Him from our love of Him that we developed in this lifetime (we will not respond as robots). He most likely will lead and direct us commensurate with our spiritual ability in love and faith and maturity to respond. Thus, we should desire a higher mature spiritual ability, particularly living by God's love. We will live holy and righteously in intimate fellowship with Him and each other. We will live in eternity amidst His infinite and perfect Glory (His glory will also be manifested in and through us). We will live eternally doing and having great things that can only come from a perfect God. We will be in ministry and have the fruit of the Holy Spirit. ***Apart from this life, there is nothing.*** Thus, we should pursue this life together with excellence under God's leading and His working in us. **We can and will need to help each other in this pursuit.**

**We are without ability in ourselves to achieve maturity. God must work in us and our obedient response is required. Our divine natures by themselves (received at the time of salvation) are without capability apart from God's leading and our depraved natures will sin. Our divine natures are trained by God in this lifetime to have a maximum response to His leading. If we want maximum maturity at the higher spiritual ability levels in Christ-likeness, so we can know and relate more to God, we must not use the world's methods or bring them into our churches. This includes the choice of music.**

## UNDERSTANDING IMPORTANT ASPECTS

**The Sequence: After the fall of man, man is born with a depraved nature (some call this our depraved flesh) that does not seek after God and cannot become mature in Christ. When a person believes in Christ as Savior as God draws them, they receive a new divine nature that God trains now in maturity under His leading and training. At death, as believers, the depraved nature is removed from us. We go into heaven with what was developed in our divine natures. (Now we sin when we use our depraved natures, and we do not sin (cannot sin) when we respond to God using our new divine natures.) Our divine natures can only respond to God. However, those without divine natures (without justification for sin by the Cross) will go to the Lake of Fire for eternity for an alternate way for God to satisfy His Justice for sin.●15**

**There most likely is a continuum of mature skill levels of walking with, relating to, and knowing God. In eternity, He most likely will lead us in things and ways we cannot know now, but in accordance with our mature skill levels. *We should want the higher skill levels so that we can know and relate to God in more of His fulness now, and, very importantly, have His very best throughout eternity.*** Thus, we need to pay attention and obey God with excellence all we can. We should pursue maturity at the higher skill levels as He commands. But whatever level we have, we will most likely be unaware of any maturity hierarchy when in eternity.

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**15. BE CAREFUL:** Just because we may pastor a church or lead a Bible study, does not mean we are Christians. I know some who do not appear to be. We, individually, must pray and respond to God to believe the Gospel to be saved. (You can use Romans 1:16 with 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.)

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***(The more mature we think we are, the less we are in actuality because we have pride. In God's way, the last shall be first and the first last. This means the more humble in spirit can be the more mature. But this no reason not to pursue maturity as God commands.)*** We will all live perfect lives as God directs our thoughts and actions. We will most likely have different jobs and responsibilities under His direction and leading. ***However, regardless of the results, we should pursue maturity for no other reason than God commands us to do so.*** Then we will have God's best, regardless of what it is and how He plans to use it. But not to do so? So how do we pursue maturity?

However, by the way churches appear to conduct themselves, they appear to be unaware, to lack discernment, have not accepted the need, and/or to have insufficient ability to train their people to become greatly mature in Christ. (We all need some help.)●16 Out churches all want to do right and teach some of the Bible - doing what they can. They do teach good things. ***But they do not appear to appreciate the need to have a complete curriculum to train with more of God's Whole Counsel.***●17 Churches appear to have the attitude to train with Bible doctrine and salvation rather than as a Discipleship Training Center to train their people, and themselves, to have a maximum mature walk with Christ, living as He does. They appear to manage what they have and watch their finances. We are not attempting here to be critical, but instead to bring added value in the form of an alert, so needed changes can be made. Churches need to do self evaluation. (We had to do this all the time in engineering. And I do this in my life. I need to make changes. We all do.)

***We, as previously introduced, should be aware and alerted that the maturity in Christ we have at our death, we may have forever.***●18 The Bible does not teach directly either way. God has left it as a matter of faith whether or not this is true. But there are over eight indicators (Refer to March-April 2008 newsletter report) that signal that our maturity can be fixed forever at death. ***For example, the design of this lifetime throughout Bible history, as I understand it, is to bring us to maturity in Christ so we can know and relate to our Perfect God particularly in heaven in His infinite perfection and Greatness.***●19 And God may use or build upon our

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**16. SITUATION:** We no doubt have had this situation throughout Church history. But now the situation appears to be gaining greater momentum in thousands of churches. The largest situation, as stated elsewhere, is what our churches are not doing such a maturing their people and evangelizing complete local areas. Of course, there are exceptions everywhere in differing amounts.

**17. CURRICULUM TOPICS:** We have presented training topics that would be needed in a needed curriculum elsewhere in this newsletter report.

**18. OUR MATURITY AFTER DEATH:** If you believe our maturity can increase in heaven after death, how do you know? Can you prove from Scripture, it can increase in heaven? If it can, then why are we on the earth? Why then did not God just create us with the needed maturity? Did He not want to give us a choice? ***It is not wise to pursue maturity as God commands for whatever reason He may have? But if we do not? (Of course God may use our maturity now in greater ministry.)***

**19. GOD'S PLAN FOR HISTORY:** Please read our report on our web site under **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW:** *God's Plan Over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our* **(continued...)**

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maturity in eternity in ways that we cannot know now. To gain this maturity, become mature, is why we, in my understanding, are here. ***Because this situation most likely can be true, and if we do not pursue maturity as commanded?*** Again having maturity in Christ as God commands, we can have the best that God offers, even if now we do not now have adequate understanding.

**Unless God would implant it in us, it might not be possible to learn of the greatest sacrificial love that exists without that demonstrated in this lifetime by God in Christ on the Cross.** It might not be possible also for us to learn of the depths of God's Grace, Longsuffering, and Mercy in the salvation process demonstrated with the Cross and in life. And we learn of great sacrificial love in practice, when we lay down our lives (including with our time and money, giving sacrificial service) for the brethren. We learn of grace and mercy now in practice when we offer these to others as needed. ***Thus, from these perspectives, this lifetime is necessary to gain maturity in Christ-likeness for the sake of knowing and having God's best for us (all of us who will respond) in eternity.***

**Repeated for Emphasis: What it will be like in heaven, we cannot know now. God will reveal His glory after we get there.** However, in heaven, because of the purpose of this lifetime, we all will most likely be at different maturities and skill levels of walking with God, including how we walk by faith and love. Because He is absolute perfection, it can be most wise now to pay attention and seek the greatest maturity and skill levels living as Christ lives that God will lead us to have. Although we will all lead perfect lives, we cannot be sure now, but those having a greater mature skill level may know more about God and be used in greater ways. God will lead us in perfection, but very likely according to our spiritual ability to respond such as by love and faith obedience. None of us in heaven will most likely know or realize that we have different depths of knowing God. ***And knowing and relating to God by His ways is all there is.***

***But why not respond to God now with excellence to gain a maximum maturity in Christ needed to know the most of Him possible in heaven? Remember only He alone has value and truth. Appreciating God's Greatness, would we not pursue maturity as He commands (Hebrews 6:1). Could we do anything different? (But what are we doing?)***

***Please understand. We are to be outcome, not procedurally oriented.*** This means we are to mature our people in Christ making disciples to reach the highest skill levels of spiritual ability in relationship living we understand, not just work for spiritual growth. We should and will need to help each other get there and pray for more understanding and the method of training needed. We are to evangelize complete local areas, and not just do some evangelism, but in emphasis directed by God. ***We should evangelize the children and youth with the higher priorities because about 85% come to Christ before leaving the eighth grade and about 99% before leaving college. Thus, we should work with Child Evangelism Fellowship and other***

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*Perfect God in His Greatness.* This could be the most important single document one might ever read. It presents a comprehensive overview of the Bible (biblical worldview) in one document for how biblical events lead to our developing maturity in Christ-likeness.

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**groups AT VERY HIGH PRIORITY to place many-many-many after school Bible clubs and kid's clubs.**

**Our first priority in the Church and in our Bible groups is to work with "our own" people (including our children and youth), maturing them in Christ, not with new people or the lost - including reaching and training "new" youth.** We must of course work with both. We are to mature our own people in higher priority over evangelizing. We must work with the gung ho and the very faithful in priority and with most of our time over, and not with the watchers (those less interested in study, growing, and ministry). However, we should encourage the watchers to become part of the faithful and gung ho. We should train new people with a boot-camp elementary training to bring them up to speed. **If one trains at the lowest common denominator, everybody loses. Few gain maturity.**

**We must understand that it is major sin when we dumb down our training to reach new people, such as the youth, without also, at a higher priority at the same time, training to highly mature our own people.** We can do both at different times. **If we only dumb down, in time, we create the immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. After a few years pass with only first-level training, few gain, unless they work greatly on their own. Such former action, in my view, is satanic strategy for the endtimes. Is this not sin? Is this not happening now? Are you or I inadvertently contributing to this result? If we are inadvertently, we should make some changes. We should train our children and youth to become mature in Christ-likeness, to live godly, and to be in ministry. See our curriculum presented earlier in a foot note.**

**We must be alerted that we live amidst intense spiritual warfare.** Christ works to have God's chosen elect believe the Gospel and to accomplish His work. Satan works to prevent some of these from happening. One would expect then, that more of God's work would be done and more of the elect would believe if the church people would become more mature in Christ to do the work of the ministry. Thus, when the Bible teaches we should be sure to take care of our own and mature them in Christ, and we are not doing this, who are we obeying? **Thus, working for numbers, but not also, and very importantly, maturing one's people can be implementing satanic strategy. Is this not so?**

**The Bible teaches we are not to love the world or the things of the world. If we do, we make ourselves an enemy of God.**

*James 4:4 - You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

Thus, we should not partnership with the world's methods, bringing them into the church, such as loud dominate repetitious rock-beat music, working for numbers in priority over maturing our own people, and using methods of simplistic teaching and advertising. We should not wait to do things until we believe we will be successful. We should not eliminate deacon boards. We need to begin things in faith as God commands. The apostle Paul said that he was not guilty of the people's blood

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because he taught them God's Whole Counsel and Purpose. **Are our churches today guilty of the people's blood when they only use first-level training? We are to train with a complete curriculum of the Whole Counsel of God, not just with some of it or by mainly random good teachings. We are to emphasize worship, living godly, accomplishing ministry, and believing the Christian-Faith Doctrines. Doing these and living them out, we glorify God, because they came from Him. How many churches have such a curriculum? Does your Church have one? Of what topics does it consist?**

***If we dumb down our training and use the world's music to reach the youth (without also training in depth using the great hymns of the faith), are we not implementing key satanic strategy to transform the church from maturity and orthodoxy to become the immature church with a loss of biblical Intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge?●20*** After a period of time with the dumbed-down training, few gain in maturity, unless they work on their own. The latter is what I did. This is opposite to the implementation of God's plan in this lifetime to lead us to maturity. This is implementing the satanic dialectic process.●21

***Unless we train in depth bringing our youth to maturity in Christ and placing a challenge before them to become more mature, our youth have little purpose to remain in our churches after high school and college. Thus, many of our youth are leaving our churches and those that remain are generally immature, spiritually speaking. Of course there are exceptions, for which we are very thankful.***

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**20. ROCK MUSIC: We fully realize that many churches and others use rock music to draw the youth of today's culture.** We fully realize that Christians have different views about music. But we must realize that music is not neutral or amoral. It has different effects upon people. I have observed positive effects when singing the hymns. Christians sing the beloved hymns they love from their hearts. But the rock music has bad effects upon people, particularly young people. It has caused rebellion to parents and immorality.

Many people believe that one uses the music that one had when growing up. Today they are growing up with loud repetitious rock type beat music. So why not use it in our churches? Older people grew up with the hymns, so they want to use them. In my view, the issue is actually a doctrinal issue. Rock music simply is not of God. At the very best it is far away from God's best. Which music does God want and brings Him maximum worship from the hearts and spirits of His people.

**However, using rock music is a catch 22.** Where this music may draw the youth, reports present that loud syncopated repetitive beat rock music has the characteristic that causes a desensitization to the leading of the Holy Spirit (thus, leads to the immature Church) and leads many youth into immorality and rebellion. Many sitting under this music are not in ministry and do not come out to special church meetings and special studies. Many do not go to Sunday School. ***Thus it impedes growing in Christ. If you will read the text and references in our March-April 2008 Newsletter Report, one would never use rock music ever again. So why then should we use it?***

**21. DIALECTIC PROCESS REPORTS:** Please read the following reports on our web site for how Satan is transforming the Church: (1) March-April 2008I Newsletter Report: (2) *Serious Symptomatic Problems In Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes With Their Impacts and Indicated Solutions*; and (3) *Our Churches Are Falling Away, Being Transformed by the Dialectic Process to Bring World Government*. **These reports reference source documents which explain the dialectic process in detail and what is happening to our churches.**

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Thousands of churches are implementing this dumbed-down dialectic process in varying degrees. They are in what is called the Church Growth Movement composed of seeker friendly and emerging churches. They, from my research, are using many of the world's methods. We are not to bring the world into the Church. This, in our view, is in direct disobedience to God (particularly sins of omission) and it is not implementing the training for why we are here for the sake of eternity, even though they may be doing some or even many good things. ●22 **We are not to dumb down, but instead as said many times, and most importantly, we are to mature our children and youth in Christ-likeness to the highest spiritual ability levels we understand and pray for more understanding. Is this what your church is doing?**

***Although our churches may be doing many good things, the problem in many ways is what our churches are not doing.*** Such action in effect results in their attempt to work all things together for good themselves. This shows up by dumbing down (not teaching God's Whole Counsel), not maturing their people (especially their children and youth) and working in wrong and higher priority for numbers. It is shown by doing some, but not by much evangelism in the local community, particularly of the Children. It is shown by using the world's (particularly repetitive loud rock type beat) music in our church services instead of the better hymns and good spiritual songs. We are using guitars and drums more than the piano and the organ. It is a matter of working for God's best and excellence and not use the world's methods. Which we choose impacts how we teach, dress, choice of music, and how we impact our communities.

It appears to me if we will train our children up in the way God wants them to go, including with the proper choice of music, our children will not depart from it as they become adults. Their parents must be good role models and help their children not go with the world and its music. If we train our church people with a challenge to become more than they are with God's Whole Counsel, many will respond. If we use music that captures their hearts (the good hymns with good doctrine) as we provide this training, the people will want to go with the hymns and not rock music. The problem we have today is we are dumbing down without a challenge before the people to become much better than they are under God and to have His best.

Of course, in my view, using the world's ways and music in what they are doing to draw the youth in today's culture is wrong. ●23 **When we use rock music, whom are we actually worshipping? *We***

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**22. HISTORY:** In the 1980's, many of our churches at least in Silicon Valley, California had church services using mostly hymns on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening. But as time progressed into the 1990's and beyond, after our churches went to dumbed-down training and using rock music, they no longer have Sunday and Wednesday night services. So what is happening? **(Although there can be exceptions.) Those who sit under rock music appear not to have a large interest in learning the depths of the Scriptures and bringing maximum honor to God in worship. And of course our culture is also falling away. Thus, as stated many times, such action leads to the immature Church.**

**23. DRESS:** In church services where they use rock music, I have seen pastors and others wear sloppy (careless) dress. They are without coats and ties, and many times in shorts and sport shirts. To me this is disrespectful and dishonoring to God. The Bible does not give us direct guide lines, but should we not dress to bring maximum honor and respect to God? These same pastors will dress with a coat and tie in the traditional services with the hymns. **Which brings honor, respect, and worship to God? You know my**  
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***are producing the compromised Church.*** Our church services should be designed to bring great worship to God, not what people want for themselves. We should train people with God's standards and Scriptures raising their values as God wants them, not bring the world into the Church because the people want this. Our faith is based on learning the Scriptures as God works in us. We want to worship God in spirit and in truth from our hearts, not with body wiggle movements to worldly rock type music. So should we not evangelize in the community and then bring converts into our church services designed to bring great worship to God (singing the hymns and teaching with expository preaching with the how to's and many examples for how the Scriptures are lived out). We are to bring new converts to a new way of life, not bring the world into the church. And as stated, we can provide a boot camp training for new converts to bring them up to speed on the basic doctrines and ways to live the Christian life and do ministry.●24 We can give them a challenge to train to become mature in Christ.

***If we want to reap bountifully with God and in His direction to have God's best, we must sow bountifully in God's direction and by His ways.*** This means we must search out all of what God wants done and to the degree by how He wants it done. And we should carry it out with excellence. Otherwise, we can be deceiving ourselves about the degree we are doing God's will. We will have less than what God plans for us, even though we are doing many good things.

***When professional musicians tell us that good music has the melody dominate, the harmony next, and the rhythm under control, why would anyone ever think that loud dominate syncopated rock repetitive beat music (we mean music, not the lyrics) is of God.*** This appears particularly true since many reports present that it has been used in and derived from voodooism to call up demons and evil spirits.●25 For more details, refer to our March-April 2008 newsletter report and my other reports on how are churches are being transformed.●26

## SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES

**Churches wrongly dumbing down their training and using the world's loud repetitive beat**

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answer. So does the hymns or rock music bring best worship and honor to God? You know my answer.

**24. ALTERNATIVE:** Although not recommended, we can have special services using the world's music and dumbed-down training to reach the youth. ***But we should always have other services with only the hymns and expository in-depth teaching and preaching to bring maximum worship of God and for the maturing of the saints. We should encourage all to be in these other services with the hymns.***

**25. ROCK MUSIC SOURCE:** If you do not believe rock music came from voodooism and other such similar sources to call up demons and evil spirits, we recommend you do some personal research for the sake of your people. Do not ignore the situation. To ignore the situation, can be great irresponsibility under God. Read books and reports on the internet and other places. And do so now.

**26. GOOD MUSIC:** Good music can have trumpet toots, cymbal crashes, drum beats, and drum roles, but not loud dominate repetitive syncopated rock beat. **It is not always an issue of what instruments we use, but how they are played. The Bible speaks of several percussion instruments.**

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**rock type music to reach the youth without also maturing their people in higher priority to the highest maturity levels as commanded of God, in our view, is symptomatic of several causes.●27**

These **causes** are that many of our churches (in my view):

1. Do not understand and appreciate God's Infinite Greatness such that they search out and do all of what He has planned for us both in direction and degree of effort, and **only** that which He has planned for us.
2. Are procedurally and not outcome oriented. They are working for now to meet felt needs instead of maturing their people for the need in eternity to know and relate to God and doing sufficient true area-wide local evangelism. They are looking for salvation with numerical instead of spiritual growth to maturity. They are more man than God oriented. They do things to gain or maintain attendance instead of working for maturity and to bring maximum honor to God.●28 They should do the evangelism in the community and bring converts into the church to gain a much higher walk of God at His direction. And then train them with the basics.
3. Do not realize they are implementing key satanic strategy to transform churches to become the immature Church with a loss of biblical intellect and one that has a low plateau of biblical knowledge - using the world's methods (dumbing down their training, using loud repetitive beat rock music, working to meet human felt needs, having facilitated not taught home groups, and using the world's methods of advertising to gain the youth and numbers). (Satan's wants the churches dumbed down so they will do less ministry (some of the elect might not believe) and will fall away and will not know what is happening when the endtimes Tribulation comes.)
4. Our people in these rock music churches appear to be more interested in emotion and body experience instead of thinking and growing maximum in the Lord and having what brings maximum worship to God.
5. Our youth in our churches are very likely going the way of rock music and accepting pablum teaching as the norm because they do not have adequate role models in and training from their parents and pastors. Their parents do not have adequate role models in their pastors and teachers such they have been trained to be role models for their children.
6. Are not living by the highest priority to mature their own people in Christ, particularly the gung ho and the very faithful - those who want to go all the way with God.

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**27. CAUSES:** In overview, these causes are resulting in churches using the world's methods for reaching the youth and not using God's direction for maturing their people and for doing area-wide local evangelism. **The situation is not black and white, so there an be exceptions - but the trends?**

**28. DIFFICULT SITUATION:** Churches with large facilities can be caught in a catch 22. They may want to do right by using only the hymns. But if this does not draw the youth and young people, they may not be able to pay their bills. So they have to work for numbers using the world's music. **But what would God have these churches do?**

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7. Are not doing critical analysis to determine how well they are actually maturing their people and how well they are actually doing area-wide local evangelism. How many water baptisms has one had in the past three years of new converts from the community? How many of one's people are in ministry, and pursuing more training to become more mature and know more about God and His ways? How many are abandoning loud repetitive rock beat music? ●29

**Summary and Consequences:** *Our churches, in my view, have lost their working for excellence before God to have His best such that they do not search adequately out all of what He wants done, the degree by which He wants things done, and then doing it with great excellence under His leadership.* They are choosing and going much of their own way. They have lost their fear of God to do only and all of what He wants done. ***Thus, they lack wisdom. The Bible teaches that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. The result is that church people are not being adequately matured in Christ.*** The music has progressed from the great hymns with doctrine to choruses with shallow doctrine, then to contemporary music, and now to rock music. The music has been paralleled by going from in-depth and in-breadth expository preaching to simplistic preaching to mostly first-level only training. This has been a gradual falling away. Because the changes have been gradual, many have not noticed this wrong change. This is satanic strategy to develop the immature Church needed for the endtimes. ***Whatever one might say, our churches have moved greatly away from God's best (to mediocrity and compromise) and what He desires for us.***

We, if we are not already doing it, should now go urgently to a ministry to mature our people in Christ at the highest mature spiritual ability levels that we understand and train our their people to do area-wide local evangelism, especially with the children and youth. We can pray for more understanding. Churches can use a Discipleship Training Center concept for this training that meets at other times than the worship service time. ***However, it is expected that most who sit under rock music and simplistic training most likely will not attend this advanced training if these wrong practices are continued. Some may come if the elders will greatly challenge the people to become more in Christ than they are so they can relate to God in more of His depth-breadth. (Pastors are "teaching" in simplicity, not "training" in depth (with the how to's with testimony.))***

## PRACTICAL ASPECTS

**Four commitments one can make are:** (1) Commit to go all the way with God, even if others do not; (2) Use only the Bible and the most accurate translations for direction in life; (3) Present yourself daily as an instrument of righteousness and as a living sacrifice to God; and (4) Ask God for forgiveness of sin each night before going to be, and also get right with others each day (restore any lost fellowships).

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**29. CONSERVATIVE CHURCHES:** Many churches that use the hymns and teach mostly Bible content without also training greatly for how to live the Christian life and without also doing much outreach evangelism appear to be reducing in numbers or just have small congregations. However, the size is not important. What is important are we obeying the requirements of God's will. **Success is measured by our obedience to God to bring our own people to maturity in Christ, not by numbers.**

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**Daily, read a few chapters from our Bibles and some pages from my report: *Living by God's Righteousness*.** This is what I try to do. Read the books of others on how to live the Christian life and to accomplish ministry. We should pray regularly about all things and have daily devotions with God each day. This is good to do with spouses and family members. We need to allow God to speak to us each day, especially from the Scriptures. We can memorize Scripture and trust God to implement His promises. We can praise God daily quoting portions of a Psalm of praise from the Bible book of Psalms as we begin our prayers.

***We are to train our children and youth to walk with God and to become mature in Christ. We need to encourage them to attend in-depth Bible teaching churches and to be in some ministry particularly also when they leave home for college and marriage. We must live a role model Christian life before them, including being in ministry.*** We must brief and prepare them for the endtimes that they (and we) will soon experience. We must not allow them, under any circumstances, to grow up without knowing how to live the Christian life, walking by faith and love as our Lord lives in relationship living (see my topics under Christian-Life Relationship Principles), and to stand strong on our basic Christian-Faith doctrines. ***We must train and encourage them never to date or marry unbelievers. We should encourage them to marry and date only those who are on-fire for Christ and are in or planning to train for ministry.***●30 We must keep them away from rock-type and most contemporary music. We should encourage them to live for God's best. **We, particularly as family heads and Bible teachers, must demonstrate that life as a living example before them. We as families must not attend church services that use loud repetitive beat rock type music. There may be some good contemporary music that is not loud repetitious beat type.**●31 ●32

**God will lead us into (but does not bring the) trials, testings, sufferings, etc (of the world, flesh, and the devil). that will test and train us to be obedient and to become and live mature under trying circumstances.** We are to live and die for the Lord Jesus Christ. We should welcome these circumstances and look for the Scripture that God wants us to obey as we go through them. The Lord, as stated, in answer to Satan said: "It is written" (in the Bible). As we are growing at the higher skill levels, we can anticipate the testings can be more severe with many types and longer term. God may give us testings in ways such as not using us for a time, placing us (using Satan) in incarceration, and/or placing us under persecution to see if we will stay faithful and steadfast.

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**30. FINDING A SPOUSE:** I had at least three Christian young ladies in my Bible classes emphasize their ministries without looking for a husband. In each case, God brought a husband on a collision course going in a similar direction. They are now happily married.

**31. PROBLEMS:** Problems come when most of the pastors and teachers have been trained with the seeker friendly and emerging church concepts and these concepts have been accepted by the elders. They may not have the desire and/or the background which allows them to change. So unless these churches also have a traditional service with expository teaching, one can no longer stay in these churches. If one does, one will most likely not reach the higher maturity levels in Christ needed for eternity. This is an eternal situation and most terrible penalty.

**32. HAVING YOUNG PEOPLE:** With what I know of some youth groups in our churches today, I would not allow any of my youth to attend them. I would train them at home and invite others in for fellowship.

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***This is also for us to grow our maturity and allow us to know and relate to Him in greater depth-breadth of His Greatness and allow Him to use us in greater ways. (We must continually realize that apart from relating to God in His ways, there is nothing.)***

**We are to always do what God wants and to trust Him to bring the results. The battle is His, not ours.** We are His soldiers to obey His commands, not those of our own desires. We are to trust Him, not ourselves to bring the results. Sometimes we need to wait upon Him for action before we act. We must not take the battle into our own hands. But in areas where He has already commanded and led us, we should take faith-action steps, even when we do not know in advance what will happen and how He may lead and where He will take us. We live by faith because we do not know the results in advance. If we only do things only where success seems to be known in advance (walking by sight, not by faith), we may be sinning - we may be attempting to work all things together for our good. **This action can prevent major work of God from being accomplished. I have seen this happen.**

**If we are to become more than we are, it helps to put a challenge before ourselves and before our people.** People work harder with a challenge. I know that I do. The challenge could be in many ways: unity in marriage, doing much area evangelism as a team, working to be unity in all things, memorizing Scripture, taking advanced training to become more than we are, putting aside sins, learning to walk as Christ walks, etc.

**Our priority is to work for divine life, not for numbers.** Working for divine life, God will bring the numbers that are His. We must live by faith to accomplish God's commands, and not only do things if we believe, as stated, in which we will be successful.●33

**We should regularly memorize Scripture to be used as needed now in life and for when we may in the future be without Bibles, such as in prison. We must now ready ourselves for the endtimes with some urgency.**

## GOOD THINGS TO DO

**Because the endtimes can be coming very soon upon us, and then suddenly without warning, we should now prepare the underground church by establishing and placing all of our church people into home church support groups.** Many Bible-time churches were home churches. There is nothing in the Bible that requires us to use separate buildings. As the endtimes Tribulation comes, conditions will become **“much-much-much”** worse than most think. They will come suddenly without warning in a whirlwind when most believe the current times will continue. That time to prepare and ready ourselves is now. Our churches seem to be sleeping, not observing the signs and conditions that now loudly signal the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time. Only God knowing the timing.

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**33. SALVATION:** I remember a time in the 1980's that a church had a publicized evangelistic service. Many people came just to be saved and go to heaven. The service used the hymns and drew the people with God's Word.

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**Teachers and pastors should train with the what to's, the how to's, and give testimony for how they and others have lived them out.** On-the-job training can be provided in many ways. Principles can be applied in marriages and families, in the work place, in the ministry, and in case studies. ***Teaching that provides essentially only the what to's without testimony and the how to's most often can come across that no one has done these before. Few may obey them, not knowing how. (This is teaching, not training.)*** Some (a few) will search the Scriptures for how God wants the principles lived out. **This is what I did.** We need examples to follow. If a pastor and teacher are not living them out, should they be teaching? Of course where everyone is learning, the situation can be different.

**Our preaching and teaching should be expository, going verse by verse, with both the what and how to's with testimony for how the teachings were lived out.** Other Scriptures and principles that apply should be presented side by side. In order to teach more of the Bible per unit time, we should have several Bible teaching times per week such as adding one on Sunday night and one on Wednesday night, or even on Saturday night. We could have a discipleship training center to mature our own people (particularly our gung ho and very faithful) and with boot camp training for those new to Christ and the Bible.

**To have the best under God in our church fellowships, we should work for unity in what is taught in the Bible.** The Bible, such as in Psalms 133:1, teaches we should have unity in everything.●34 This includes the basic understanding of key Bible doctrines, the ministry we are to do, and in the choice of music. **We should have a person in training in each ministry to take over or establish another ministry.**

**Our churches should check all that they are doing to be sure what they are doing and how they are worshiping is found in the Bible and to the degree it is found in the Bible.**●35 As stated, our world is now being transformed and when changes come gradually, they are not always noticed. We may not recognize our church failures if we do not know and endure sound doctrine. We can have eyes that cannot see well and ears that cannot hear well. This situation is growing in our churches. We can come a long way from God and not notice it, and the signs of the endtimes

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**34. AGREEMENT:** I am personally displeased when I work with people and they say to me because we cannot reach agreement, we will agree to disagree. They are rejecting what one thinks is needed, and they will not investigate both ways and compare them. **Thus, they do not learn, and they remain in disunity. Cannot this be sin?**

**35. CHURCH ATTENDANCE:** Today, many Christians who want God's best in worship and Bible teaching are finding it difficult to find a church to attend. Children have gone the way of the world. It is hard to find churches now that sing the hymns (without loud rock type music) and use expository verse by verse teaching with both the what to's and the how to's with testimony and on-the-job training. There are many churches that teach good Bible content and doctrine, but not much for how we live the Christian life such as how do we live as Christ lives. Many do but little evangelism in the community. We are compromising our ability to reach the higher mature spiritual abilities in Christ that are needed to know more about God and interrelate with Him. **Of course we can also have churches that are so straight laced, that they have but little divine life. This is not good either.**

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can be here without our recognizing or looking for them.●36 ●37

**Signs are now signaling most loudly that the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time. It will come, as stated, suddenly in a whirlwind with sudden destruction without warning when most act as if the current good times will continue indefinitely. Thus, most churches will most likely be caught blind-sided, unprepared, and immature. This is a leadership issue. How will your church be found?** Based on what is coming in these endtimes, parents particularly and church leaders in general should work to mature their people, especially their children and youth, now with some urgency. The time remaining appears to be very short indeed in freedom.

We should establish home churches, mature our people, and put in some supplies now while we still can in freedom and with a sense of urgency. Later our freedom will be taken away, and we will be in a crises situation. Check our web site reports including the March-April 2008 newsletter report for what can happen. Brief your people about the soon-coming endtimes, and the eternal need to become mature in Christ. In some manner, provide this needed training. And if you do not?●38

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**36. OUR CURRENT CULTURAL SITUATION:** Our culture and our churches may today have reached the point where pursuing God's best may no longer be possible for the main stream of churches. We may have to have the best we can have. This may be dumbing down our training, using compromise Bible translations, using poor dress, and using the world's loud rock-beat music. To me, this is great compromise from God's best. (What can be coming next in the falling away?) It represents the situation, in my view, where leaders no longer endure and know sound doctrine. They are not doing critical analysis, and have eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. People will stay in this environment to be with their friends. People who stay in this environment most likely will not become as mature in Christ that God desires and has planned. If they did, they would come out of this environment. Of course people use it to reach the youth of our present culture. But staying in this environment as Christians, they have little chance of becoming mature in Christ at the higher skill levels. But such a situation may be much better than not having any maturity or not being a Christian. Such situations, with some exceptions, may be the best we can have now in our church situations and current society. ***However, this falling away is leading to and helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. It can only lead to the immature church with a loss of Biblical intellect and having a low plateau of Bible knowledge. One which is limited in knowing and relating to God in His depth-breadth. It will lead to smaller churches as the older people die.***

We should understand that there still are a few people, including the youth, who want to do it right - they want to have God's best. (Even many of those who use rock music want to do it right. But do they have discernment?) We should provide God's best for them, to the best degree we understand. This means that church elders and pastors must also want God's best. This should mean expository preaching with the how to's, living the example in testimony, doing evangelism in the community, and using the great hymns of the faith (No rock music). Some have left the churches and started home churches so they could have in their hearts, more of God's best and their worship of Him.

**37. DISGRACE TO GOD:** ***I have a very close friend who loves the Lord dearly and wants to worship Him in His Greatness with all her heart. If she found herself in the environment of loud repetitive rock-beat music, she would vomit. She would believe it to be a most terrible disgrace and dishonor to God. This also my view.***

**38. WE MAY HELP:** We can give seminars on prophecy and living the Christian life to the degree we know. Call us with questions and suggestions. **Check our web site. We plan to add facing page text to our**  
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**SUMMARY THOUGHTS**

**(Our church leaders are largely responsible for the great falling away from God's best  
and can be greatly judged.)**

As stated, God has designed this lifetime so that responding people could become mature in Christ-likeness in relationship living so that they could relate to Him in His depth-breadth amidst His Greatness and Glory, especially in eternity. It is so we could exist and live a perfect life founded on His infinite Greatness and under His direction. God has commanded us to pursue this maturity. Thus, we should pursue this maturity under His direction with excellence. We are talking about eternity here. ***Apart from this relationship with God and becoming mature to know and relate to Him amidst His Perfection, there is nothing. We should want the best we can have.***

Thus, going to mostly elementary training and using loud repetitive beat rock type music, in my understanding, is satanic strategy to produce the immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. This is so, from Satan's perspective, that fewer will be in ministry and some of the elect might not believe and might not do some of God's work. However, it leaves our church people without the higher maturity levels by which to know and relate to God more in His Greatness. It leaves the church people to be caught blind sided and unprepared when the endtimes Tribulation comes without warning. ●39 We, now readying ourselves for now, eternity, and also the endtimes, should now seek with urgency for excellence before God, mature our people, no longer use rock-type music, and place all of our people into home groups - the needed underground church.

What will your church do? What will mine do? **What will you do? What will I do?●40**

***We should now fall on our faces in prayer before God and Christ and ask them what we should now do to bring maximum honor to them, become more mature***

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**training ppt charts this year. Using them, you can train your people.**

**39. ENDTIMES PROPHECY:** To understand endtimes prophecy and how the endtimes will come and what we will experience, please read at least the following documents on my web site under the title of **ENDTIMES PROPHECY:** (1) *The Pattern View of Prophecy*, and (2) *Endtimes Scenario for How the Endtimes Will unfold*. There are many other documents here that also should be read re prophecy. **These reports, and others, on my web site should be read to know how the endtimes will unfold. They show how the United States is found indirectly in Bible prophecy and the sequence for how the endtimes will unfold.**

**40. COURSE OF ACTION:** We may be only able to convince the youth to leave rock music if we can convince them that it is not of God, brings worship to Satan, and limits their commitment God and to their understanding of His Word. If we can convince them of this and the need for maturity in eternity, we may save our church over the long run. If we do not convince them, and we continue with the dumbing down and rock music, fewer and fewer people will attend church including our youth. **Many of our youth are leaving the Church as they enter college. They can unbelievers or those who do not have sufficient deep roots in the Lord.**

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***in Christ, and prepare us for the coming endtimes and eternity. We should ask them for their greatest help in doing so. We must not be wrong. We are speaking about eternity. We only have one pass through life. We should take urgent some steps to memorize Scripture and, as stated, prepare for the soon-coming most terrible endtimes Tribulation. ●41***

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**41. ENDTIMES: *If you believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, which we believe cannot and will not happen, spend much time in prayer about being wrong. In any case, prepare your people and families for going through the Tribulation, for the case of being wrong, which we strongly believe is true. Under no circumstances do nothing and leave your people unprepared to be blind sided. Read the documents re prophecy on my web site. If you will do this and study them, it our belief, you will come to believe in a Post Tribulation Rapture. ( Believing wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture has the tendency for people, without knowing the maturing doctrines, to do little and put our Church people to sleep. Do not let this happen to you and your family. Whatever you believe, mature your people with a sense of urgency. Prepare them to know more of God in His depth-breadth.)***