

The Church Of The Living God

1 Timothy 3:14-15

14 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that,

15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION OF THE TRUTH.

Matt 16:18b - "...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

1. The Church of the living God is UNIFIED!

Jn. 17:21-22 - that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:

Rom. 15:5-6

5. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

6. so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-6

1. As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

2. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

3. Make every effort to KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT through the bond of peace.

4. There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called--

5. one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

6. one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

2. The Church of the living God is established on a solid foundation!

Lk. 6:46-49

46. "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

47. I will show you what he is like who comes to me and HEARS MY WORDS AND PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE.

48. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

49. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

3. The Church of the living God is Militant!

2 Timothy 2:3, 4, (NKJV) You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

I John 2:15-17 (NLT) "Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever."

Church = Ekklesia...

1 The called out ones, The redeemed, the cleansed, the sanctified, the delivered.

2 The dwelling place of God, The habitation of God through the Spirit.

3 The sent ones, The light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Acts 17:6 - But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,

Mt 5:13-16

13. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.
14. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
15. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
16. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Lk. 19:13b - "Occupy till I come"

OCCUPY: to carry on a business, to accomplish, perform. Be on the mind of, overrun, invade, March aggressively into another's territory,

Jn. 15:8 - This is to my Father's glory, that you bear MUCH FRUIT, SHOWING YOURSELVES TO BE MY DISCIPLES.

1 Samuel 14:1-15

1. One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father.
2. Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men,
3. among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod's brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left.
4. On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez, and the other Seneh.
5. One cliff stood to the north toward Micmash, the other to the south toward Geba.
6. Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few."
7. "Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."
8. Jonathan said, "Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us.
9. If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them.

10. But if they say, 'Come up to us,' we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the LORD has given them into our hands."

11. So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. "Look!" said the Philistines. "The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in."

12. The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "Come up to us and we'll teach you a lesson." So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Climb up after me; the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel."

13. Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him.

14. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

15. Then panic struck the whole army--those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties--and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God.

Eph. 1:18-20 (NIV) - "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms..."