

## What Was Started

## Must Continue On

In 2 Kings 2:7-14 the spirit of Elijah fell upon Elisha. The expression, "Catching the spirit" or "Catching the dream" describes how a legacy of continuation is established.

Helen Keller was asked, "What could be worse than being born blind?" Her response, "Having sight but no vision."

### A. God started something through the prophets, it was fulfilled in the Lord and was proclaimed to the world by the apostles

1. And now the Lord has put that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into our hands
    - this shows the great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God has in us (2 Tim 2:15; Ecc 12:9-10)
    - if not us, who will carry on what God started ?
- Mt 5:13-14 Notice ARE and THE

### B. Every generation must be taught to know the Lord

- Jer 6:16
- 1 Cor 11:23
- Each generation faces the dangers of:
  - being swept away by the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_
  - being imprisoned by the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_
- Know the A \_\_\_\_\_ of Scriptures (Col 3:17)
- Know the function and p \_\_\_\_\_ of the church
- Know what God expects from each \_\_\_\_\_

If the parents don't know or don't care, what hope does the child have?

#### For this to be accomplished:

- we must preach first \_\_\_\_\_ lessons (2 Tim 2:14; Tit 3:1; 2 Pet 1:12; 3:1-2)
  - we must be patient with \_\_\_\_\_
  - we must create an \_\_\_\_\_ for growth
  - we must \_\_\_\_\_ God's purpose for us as a church and as individuals
- How we treat one another, how we serve, our attitudes, and our willingness to be Christlike
- we must \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (Ps 34:3)

Many have never seen Biblical \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_—they have seen:

Many have never seen a \_\_\_\_\_ marriage that is built upon trust— they have seen:

Many have never seen worship that is \_\_\_\_\_ Biblical and helpful—they have seen:

Many have never seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of a servant—they have seen:

Many have never seen the \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from knowing the Lord— they have seen:

Many have never seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of prodigals coming home— they have seen:

Many have never seen Satan \_\_\_\_\_ and death no longer being \_\_\_\_\_—they have seen:

### When Churches Fail:

1. F \_\_\_\_\_ and visionary planning were \_\_\_\_\_
2. H \_\_\_\_\_ replaces faith
3. The spirit of d \_\_\_\_\_ overcomes the spirit of j \_\_\_\_\_
4. Serving s \_\_\_\_\_
5. M \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the focus
6. The attention turns i \_\_\_\_\_ rather than o \_\_\_\_\_
7. Monotony rather than e \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the norm for worship
8. Everyone expects someone else do to what they \_\_\_\_\_ do
9. People d \_\_\_\_\_ out
10. The problem is obvious, but no one has the e \_\_\_\_\_ or d \_\_\_\_\_ to do anything about it

