



"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Time for Prayer!

Father God,

May we again be known as "People of the Book," and may it be Your Bible, not Rick Warren's book, *"THE PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH"*.

May the Lord's model prayer be our model, and may it not be the Protestant rosary, *"THE PRAYER OF JABEZ"*

May we compass land and sea to make proselytes but may they not be a two-fold child of Hell more than we ourselves.

May Your laborers in Your vineyard not be schooled by *"THE VINEYARD"*

May we continue in the apostle's doctrine and not the doctrines of men.

May we seek rich opportunities and not opportunities to be rich.

May we realize that men are saved by the foolishness of preaching and not by the preaching of foolishness.

May we have old-time preaching and not NEW AGE preaching.

May we be followers of the old paths and not trailblazers of some supposed new truth.

May our preaching be affected by the Rock of Ages and not the age of rocks.

May we be restorers of the Church of the New Testament and not customizers of it.

May we have Scriptural elders, deacons, and evangelists and not young pastors, team leaders, and church boards.

May we sing spiritual songs that edify not vain, repetitious, incomprehensible, chaotic noise that deafens our ears.

May we have modest and appropriate dress and not casual, immodest, sloppy, apparel that demonstrates a worldly mindset.

May we not run so far from Rome, that we pass by Jerusalem.

May we continue to come together on the First Day of the Week to break bread and not to be entertained by music, skits, and sermon-ettes.

May our people be participants in corporate worship and not spectators of a staged show.

May we attract people with the consistency of a holy life and not the promise of food, fun, and foolishness.

May we get people to stop coming to church for their so-called "felt needs" but may their real needs be felt.

May our people never trade truth for their kind of music, a fun loving youth program, or the convenience or beauty of the meeting place.

May those who attend our assembly realize it is not about them but that it is all about YOU.

May each of your preachers desire to hear, "Well done" from You at judgment than to be well spoken of by all men in this life.

We ask this of you, Father, in the Name of Your blessed Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.