

## 011 Stewardship: Local Church Relationship in Edward Rangel

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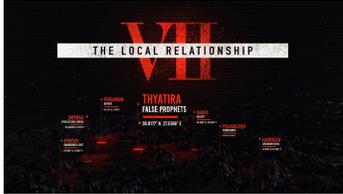
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### Service

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#### Stewardship



Approximately 8 letters were sent to churches, and 1 was sent to 7 (Revelation). These epistles addressed issues within each one of them.

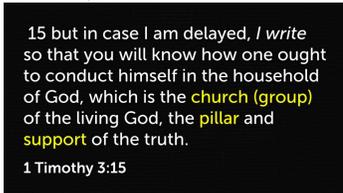
A major theme is unity of the Spirit and unity of the church to carry out the Great Commission.

The Great Commission's scope is local and world-wide, yet each local church has been given the commission.

#### Fifteen\* Epistles

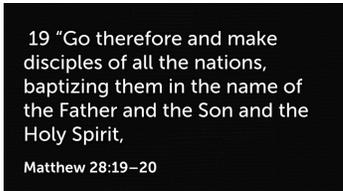


#### 1 Timothy 3:15



The truth is in no danger of collapse as long as the church fulfills her task. She is the pillar or “column” and the foundation or “base” to support “the truth” against the false teachers.

#### Matthew 28:19–20



It is the responsibility of the church to lead new believers into an awareness of what life in the kingdom entails.

-that life entails

purity

unity

progress

among other things

#### We Want Each Other to Go to He...



It is God's will that we be united by one faith, one Spirit and one Lord in the unity of peace for the equipping of the saints for the work of service...



## Revelation 2:20–21

20 'But I have *this* against you, that you **tolerate** the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she **teaches** and **leads** My bond-servants **astray** so that they **commit acts of immorality** and **eat things sacrificed to idols**.

Revelation 2:20–21

## What Could Be Wrong?

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- Jezebel INFLUENCED others with her sin
  - lasciviousness, wantonness, unbridled lust, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence
  - Church tolerated sin

lasciviousness, wantonness, unbridled lust, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence, and not just limited to sexual immorality - When the church tolerates sin she runs the risk of becoming sin.)

1 Cor. 15:33 bad company

## Jesus' Warning

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Revelation 2:22–25

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22 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed of *sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

Revelation 2:22–25

Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come

## Hold Fast

Hold Fast

- Keep the faith
- Be strong
- Continue resisting Satan

## Purity

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Compromising the Congregation & Our Souls

## Ephesians 5:3-4

3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must **not even be named** among you, as is proper among saints;

Ephesians 5:3-4

## Purity

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- Ideal is that everyone takes care of their own business of purity
- Family
- Accountability (1 Cor. 5, Rev. 2)

I never liked group projects at school because it seemed like there would always be one or two goof balls who would not do any work. Either the rest carried them and passed or the entire group suffered.

But, as a teacher I now understand the value and importance of group assignments.

The idea is to encourage community

to encourage communication

to encourage problem solving of personalities

to encourage finding strengths and weaknesses and helping each other

Many times this fails because the teacher fails in explaining this process.

God has planned the church as a family where we don't throw each other overboard but we help each other.

In order for that to happen each individual needs to be willing to contribute

each individual needs to be willing to be helped

each individual needs to be willing to help

each individual needs to be willing to be honest

The family depends on each other!

Accountability -

1 Cor. 5 - Church allowed sin to go unchecked

Thyatira allowed Jezebel to go unchecked

Both churches reaped disaster for the individual members but also as a congregation.

1 Cor. 5:6 - a little leaven ... Paul was not suggesting to kick people out of church, he was talking about holding each other accountable

The leadership and members

## Peace



Peace is such a wonderful feeling

Peace can be so many things for people

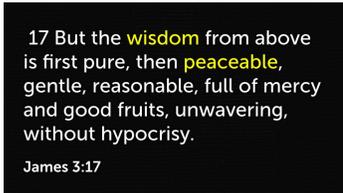
Ultimately, sane people want peace in their lives, in the spirits.

God demands peace in the church. Without peace in the church the local church cannot thrive, cannot carry out the Great Commission.

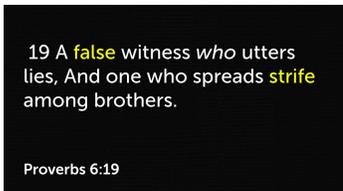
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## James 3:17

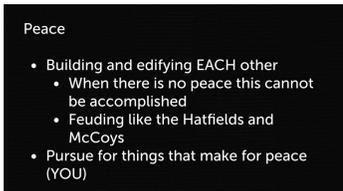


## Proverbs 6:19



God hates!!!

## Peace



You and I are entrusted with the local peace of the church.

Many times we want to PAWN off our individual responsibility of peace to the leadership. But I have to do my part.

I am a steward of peace. It is up to me.

And, I should be a peace maker.

## Romans 14:19

19 So then we **pursue** the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

Romans 14:19

## Matthew 5:9

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5:9

## Progress

### Progress - Maturity

Compromising the Congregation & Our Souls

Maturity is extremely important for the individual.

I know of 40 year olds who live for Call of Duty, Warcraft, MarioKart, Fortnite, Candy Crush. One would say, "It's time to grow up!"

There are some Christians who are the people of Isaiah's day: "You must not see visions"; And to the prophets, "You must not prophesy to us what is right, Speak to us pleasant words, Prophecy illusions." Is. 30:10

A congregation made up of Christians who are not maturing is a church that will die out, and it is a church whose members will also die out.

Notice Peter's progression

## Progress: Peter's

Peter's Maturity:

- Get thee behind me, Satan (Matthew 16:23)
- I will never deny you! (Matthew 26:35)
- Cursed and denied Jesus (Matthew 26:75)
- Preached the risen Savior (Acts 2:36)

## Progress: Why

### Why is Maturity Commanded?

- Church growth
- Church leadership
- Progress of the church depends on the maturity of the membership!

Local church depends on local growth

Church leadership is cultivated from within

I know several deacons, elders and preachers who say they are leaders because of Sunday school teachers.

Sunday school teachers are imperative in the preparation of church leadership!

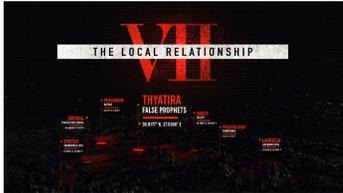
One of the greatest set backs of local churches is the lack of the development of preachers, teachers and elders.

men don't desire the office - teach them to desire the office

men don't see the benefit of preaching - teach the awesomeness of saving souls!

men and women do not see the benefit of teaching children - teach them the long-term influence they have in the lives of people.

## Thyatira



Let's come back to Thyatira

Notice the consequences for those who refuse to be pure, peaceable and mature, and, for those who are pure, peaceable and mature:

## Revelation 2:21–23

21 'I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

Revelation 2:21–23

## Revelation 2:24–29

24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

Revelation 2:24–29

## Post-Service Loop

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