**WE'RE THE CHURCH NOT THE WORLD**

It's Time to Renew the Church - Part 2

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**Acts 4:1-22 – Scripture Reading**

One of the things a church can do is to take its cues from the world. Many churches do. They say that it is ok in such a convincing way it may cause us to think "maybe they are right." They seem to be doing great. But the world has lost its way. It is broken. This will happen to churches who follow the ways of the world. A church cannot lose its values.

When the church is doing what it is called to do, we will become the most attractive and contagious body of people in a community.

**REMEMBERING THREE VALUABLE PRINCIPLES**

1. **Think Spiritually**

Biblical thinking must override secular planning and corporate mentality

2. **Stay Biblical**

Studied and accurate decisions must originate from God's Word, not human opinion

3. **Be Flexible**

Wise, essential changes must occur to counteract any and all signs of erosion.

**If these are not followed this can happen:**

**Uncertainty Of Purpose**

**Blurred Vision**

**Compromised Priorities**

**Tendency To Go From Volunteerism To Professionalism**

Our roots are in the first church. Just like the early church we face challenges, struggles, finding solutions and determining priorities.

Against the church there will always be **Strong Resistance**

Acts 4:8-14

**Depravity** is always at work.

Acts 5:1-11

We face **Cultural Conflict**

Acts 6:1-7

**Even after two thousand years, two truths continue to endure.**

1. **Satan Will Stop At Nothing To Disrupt And Destroy The Church**

2. **The Lord Will Honor And Bless Any Plan That Upholds His Word and Promotes Prayer**