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SHAPING THE CULTURE: ENGAGING CULTURE AND DEEPENING YOUR CHURCH

Quotes

"There is an undue dialogue going on... One segment of evangelicalism is really pushing for us to engage culture and impact society. And then you've got another group that says we need deep, strong churches. These groups want to war against each other as if the two are opposite ideas."

"Why aren't we all 'Bible guys'?"

"If you want to engage culture, if you want to engage the world: doctrine matters. Theology matters. The gospel matters. Getting the gospel right will always be primary to new innovation, new creative technology, and engaging culture. If you miss the gospel and the teachings of our faith... it doesn't matter."

"I don't care how you contextualize this thing... the gospel will be the stench of death to some... you cannot contextualize the gospel of Jesus Christ to the point where everyone will accept it."

Notes

I Timothy 4

If your people are worshiping Christ because of what they can get out of it, you have lost orthodox Christianity.

Seven ideas that Paul gave to Timothy that both engage culture and build a deep church:

1. Be trained in doctrine
2. Command and teach these things.
3. Let no one despise you for your youth
4. Devote yourself
5. Do not neglect the gift you have
6. Keep a close watch on yourself
7. Play your part well

If you don't decide early on that the Word of God is sufficient, it won't be long until you latch on to the latest trend or gimmick.

If you are going to impact culture, you're going to have to remember your call.

Progressive sanctification is for pastors too. Whatever you spend your life on, if it's not the gospel, it's only a matter of time before it turns to dust.

We must play our part well: preaching and teaching the gospel of Christ.

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