**Series:** Stewardship

**<u>Title</u>**: Stewardship of the Kingdom

**<u>Title</u>**: (2 Tim 2:2)

We have an Enemy: (1 Pet 5:8)

**We Know His Tactics:** 

<u>He is a Liar</u>: (Jn 8:44)(2 Cor 11:13-15)(Jude 1:3-4)

<u>He creates Counterfeit's to Confuse.</u> <u>Counterfeit Gospels</u>: (Gal 2:6-8)

Counterfeit Christians: "Tares" (Matt 13:24-30

Known by their fruit: (Luke 6:43-45) <u>Counterfeit Churches</u>: (Rev 2:9; Rev 3:9)

### I. Stewardship of the Bible

(2 Tim 3:16-17)(Jn 17:17)

Important to God: (Ps 138:2)

Preserved It: (Ps 12:6-7)

Not to Be Added to or taken away from: (Rev 22:18-19)

Obey the Word: (Deut 6:1) (Josh 1:8)

Teach them to the Next Generation: (Deut 6:6-7; 11:18-19)

Continue to make Sure they are Available: (Ps 68:11)

## II. Stewardship of the Church:

What is it to you?

What is it to God? (1 Tim 3:15) Pillar & Ground of Truth

It belongs to Him. (Matt 16:18) "Build MY Church"

It is where God does His work – (Eph 3:20)

It is where He gets Glory – (Eph 3:21)

It is what Christ gave himself for on Cross – Eph 5:25

It is a glorious & Holy thing – (Eph 5:27)

### When did it start? Not in the Old Testament.

(1 Cor 12:28) *1st Church was the Apostles* 

(Mark 3:13-14) "Ordained 12"

(Lk 6:12-16) *chose 12* 

Made out of Saved people. (1 Cor 12:27-28)

Paul said 1 Cor 12:28 1st Church was the Apostles

# Where is the Church at? - Church/Churches-114 times *EKKLESIA*

### The church was known by its location such as in ...

(1 Cor 1:2) "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth,"; (Col 4:16) " the church of the Laodiceans; .....";

(1 Thess 1:1) " the church of the Thessalonians";

### **How do I become a part of this thing?**

- 1. Have to be saved! (Acts 2:41) received his word
  - a. Ethiopian Eunick (Acts 8:36-37)(2 Cor 13:5)
- 2. <u>Have to be baptized</u>: Acts 2:41-Adds us to the church It is a Local, Visible Assembly of Baptized Believers.

Why is Church so Important? It's a Command! (Heb 10:25)

We need it! (Heb 10:24) to encourage us!

(Prov 27:17) Iron Sharpeneth Iron

(2 Tim 2:2) To teach us!

(1 Tim 5:20) To correct us!

(Rom 10:17) Our Faith Grows!

(1 Cor 1:21) People get saved!

#### III. Stewardship of the Gospel:

(1 Tim 1:1)(1 Thes 2:4)

- **A. What is the Gospel?** (Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 15:1-4)
- **B. What is a Witness?** (Acts 1:8a)
- **B. What is "Both"?** (Acts 1:8b)(Phil 1:27)

Gospel Centered Lives: (1 Cor 9:17)(Eph 6:15)Missions