

# MICRO CHURCHES

## Ministering Through Smaller Churches

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD IS A CHOICE. Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

THERE IS DANGER IN DENYING THE LORD. Matthew 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

BIBLE PROPHECY.

EXPECT PERSECUTION. 2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

JESUS SAID: John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

WHEN PERSECUTED, REMEMBER THAT THE APOSTLES AND GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE YOU ARE WITNESSES THAT YOU CAN MAKE IT THROUGH. Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

UNDERSTANDING OUR PURPOSE ON EARTH.

IT IS NOT TO PLEASE OURSELVES. Romans 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

IT IS NOT TO SERVE THIS WORLD SYSTEM. Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

OUR PURPOSE IS TO SERVE THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD. Acts 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

EACH OF US HAS ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN BY GOD ALMIGHTY WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED WHILE WE ARE ON EARTH. WHEN WE ARE FINISHED WITH WHAT ASSIGNMENTS HE HAS GIVEN US, IT IS TIME TO DEPART THIS WORLD, AND ENTER GOD'S HEAVEN.

DO GOOD. BY BEING COMPASSIONATE AND HELPING OTHERS. Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

BEING COMMITTED TO GOD'S PURPOSE. James 1:2 ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

1 Corinthians 4:12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

THE HISTORY OF PERSECUTION IN THE CHURCH. 1 John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

--THE CHURCH HAS SUFFERED PERSECUTION SINCE IT BEGAN.

--THE CHURCH WILL BE HATED BY THE WORLD, JUST AS JESUS WAS HATED. THUS, WE SUFFER WITH HIM AND FOR HIM. John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

HOW MUST WE RESPOND TO THOSE WHO PERSECUTE US ? Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

MAKE A LIST OF THOSE WHO DESIRE TO PERSECUTE YOU. MAKE IT IN ORDER OF PEOPLE OR AGENCIES WHO ARE THE GREATEST THREAT AT THE TOP. PRAY FOR THOSE ON THE LIST.

CHURCH LEADERS. MUST BE CALLED AND SHOW EVIDENCE OF TOTAL COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.

CHURCH LEADERS WITH SECULAR JOBS. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SHOULD SHOW THAT CHRISTIANS ARE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM. OF COURSE, THIS APPLIES TO ALL CHRISTIANS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CALLING. HOWEVER, LEADERS SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY KNOWN FOR THEIR GOOD WORKS AND KINDNESS.

--LEADERS AND MINISTERS WHO VISIT OTHER CHURCHES TO ENCOURAGE AND NURTURE THEM SHOULD GO USING THEIR SECULAR JOBS AS A LEGITIMATE REASON FOR GOING.

POSSIBLE JOBS THAT WOULD PERMIT THIS TYPE OF VISITATION:

SALES--VARIOUS TYPES OF TRINKETS AND CLOTHING OR SHOES FOR THOSE WHOM YOU VISIT.

TRAINING LEADERS.

--FIND WAYS TO HELP YOUR FLOCK TO SURVIVE.

--DO NOT DEPEND ON THE NORMAL MONEY SYSTEM. EXPECT THE '666' SCENARIO IN ITS INFANCY.

## TRAINING SECOND LINE OF LEADERS

### TRAINING FOR THE PEOPLE

- NEW DEFINITIONS: "CHURCH" IS A GATHERING OF FAMILY
- REGULAR MEETINGS=PERIODIC GATHERINGS OF FAMILY.
- BIBLE STUDY="FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION"

### MOBILITY.

BE PREPARED TO MOVE.

RELOCATE IF NECESSARY TO A LESS POPULATED AREA OR A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN CARRY ON GOD'S WORK MORE EFFECTVELY.

### SECURITY

THE DANGER OF BEING INFILTRATED BY PEOPLE WHO WILL BETRAY YOU.

must have faith in the Lord to reveal such people.

must listen to the Lord for knowledge of how to deal with them.

### OUR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE WITH GOD.

IS GIVING OUR LIFE ON EARTH FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU ?

Early Christians faced being killed constantly.

Martyrdom was common among believers throughout history.

We would be in far worse trouble if we denied the Lord.

IF I GAVE MY LIFE FOLLOWING CHRIST, WHAT COMES AFTERWARD ?

## **ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

THEY WANT TO STOP CHRISTIANS BY STARVING THEM.

TRIBULATION TACTICS: THE 666 PLAN

WE ARE BEING BROUGHT INTO THIS GRADUALLY.

IT IS A SYSTEM WHERE THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ALLWEALTH.

YOUR CURRENCY USE IS AT THE MERCY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

YOU BANK ACCOUNT IS TIED TO ALL SORTS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU.

THE GOVERNMENT CAN STOP ALL MONEY FROM GETTING INTO YOUR HANDS THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS.