

The First Nation Building Principle

Nationbuilding Principles

Principles of Spiritual Warfare

- Actions taken in the spiritual realm have concrete consequences in the physical
- In fact actions taken in the spiritual realm have greater impact in the physical world than actions taken in the physical world Psalm 127.1
- Spiritual warfare consists in controlling the issues in the spiritual realm Ephesians 6.12 in order to bring about consequences in the physical realm. Genesis 3:1, Daniel 10:13, Matthew 4:8

“No nation can survive the nullification of their Pastors”

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- Jeremiah 8.8-11

- These considered the basis of their wisdom the knowledge of the Word of God. In other words, they claimed to represent and preach the Word of God but they rejected the word and preached their own thoughts and delusions regarding the Lord and His plans and purposes for mankind.

- However the scribes were lying in their writings
- The wise men rejected the Word of God
- The prophets and priests were greedy and practitioners of deceit
 - Prophets Jeremiah 5.31 prophesied/preached lies by their own authority
 - Priests Jeremiah 2.8 were unsaved and prophesied/preached by means of the power of the devil

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- Acts 20:26-31
 - It is the responsibility of the pastor to guard, teach and care for the flock of God, those purchased by His blood v28.
 - It is through this flock, the church, that God accomplishes his purposes among earth and in heaven (Ephesians 3.10 Matt 5:13-14). It is through the church that God is controlling history, therefore it is essential that they be prepared and protected. This is the responsibility of the man of God in the church age.

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- Acts 20:26-31
 - 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. NKJV
 - The pastor is responsible for the teaching of the Word
 - **F**requent-Hos 4:6; 2Tim 4.1-2
 - **A**ccurate-2 Tim 2.15
 - **S**ystematic-Acts 20.26
 - **T**eaching

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 - The Shepherd not only feeds the flock through “FAST” teaching but he also **leads** the flock
 - The pastor primarily leads through teaching
 - The pastor leads by defining the vision and direction for the church, thereby maintaining proper priorities
 - The pastor leads by developing other spiritual leaders

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 - The pastor primarily protects through accurate teaching
 - The pastor protects by identifying false teaching

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- Acts 20:26-31
 - 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. NKJV
 - The pastor protects by removing false teachers from the congregation
 - False teachers vs. erroneous teachers
 - Both false and erroneous teachers are often very nice people

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- Spiritual Leadership is the key to the earthly function of the spiritual city
 - The outcome of this pastoral activity
 - Mature believers who are capable of evangelizing and discipling others 2Tim 2.2
 - Mature believers who are functioning as spouses, parents, employees and citizens
 - Mature believers who are being blessed by God and becoming a blessing to others in their periphery

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- Homework
 - One Page: How does the biblically sound Pastor protect his community?