Going Forward, Remember the Past!

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INTRODUCTION

- He said the elders were asking some older preachers to come and to speak about things to expect looking forward in the future.
- None of us really can say we know exactly what to expect going forward.

1 Charge Some That They Teach No Other Doctrine

1 Timothy 4:1–2

- History has a way of repeating itself, and we really want to know what to expect in the future.
- The apostle wrote to these young preachers, charge some that they teach no other doctrine.
- The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.
- The devil hadn't quit working. He's working on you. He's working on this as a church.

2 Recent History: The Issues That Divided Brethren

1 Peter 5:2; Ephesians 4:11–12

- One of the issues was can the work of many churches be centralized under the oversight of one church?
- Peter as an apostle addressed elders and told them to tend to the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof.
- Another issue or question was can churches build and support a different institution to accomplish its work?
- I believe when the Lord planned the church with its elders and deacons and gave the New Testament that He made the church sufficient to do its work.
- Let the church be the church and do its work without building a separate institution.

3 Be on Guard: Some Have Strayed Concerning the Faith

2 Timothy 2:16–18

- Hymeneus and Philetus, have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already passed. And they overthrow the faith of some.
- When you look at all of these, it's simply to say, hey, let's be on guard, brethren.
- We need to constantly be thinking about what we believe and why we believe it.
- If you're a member of the church today because your parents were, if that's the reason, then you need to re examine yourself and your faith.

4 Issues Today: All Prophecies Fulfilled

Daniel 9:27

- They start by saying all the prophecies of the scripture have been fulfilled.
- This is a question that we need to be on guard for.
- The scripture was not completed in AD 70.
- Why is there no record of the church beginning again?

5 Bible Authority: Command, Example, Necessary Inference

Matthew 7:21; Acts 15:1–17; Acts 20:7

- We don't need to let feelings be substituted for faith. We need to establish a basis of what we believe by command, example, necessary inference.
- The distinctive message in a divided religious world is to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.
- In the early church, they use these three methods to determine. Hey, go preach to the Gentiles.
- It was upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread.
- What changes the command is what is forbidden.

6 Does It Really Make Any Difference?

Matthew 7:21–23; Matthew 15:8–9

- Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven.
- What can happen if we go what men say rather than what we read in the Word of God? We may worship, but it can be in vain.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I hope you'll think seriously about these things. Indeed, that each of us will know why we believe what we believe.**

MY NOTES