

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a pond with lily pads, surrounded by trees with vibrant orange, red, and yellow foliage. The scene is captured from a low angle, with some reeds in the foreground.

# *Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

***“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28***

# ***“Qualifications for an Elder-Pastor-Overseer”***

## **Part VI**

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November 1, 2015

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## John 21:15-18

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"

And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

## **1 Tim 4:11**

11 **Prescribe and teach** these things.

## **1 Tim 4:13**

13 Until I come, give attention to the **public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.**

## **1 Tim 4:16**

16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your **teaching**; persevere in these things,

## **1 Tim 5:7**

7 **Prescribe** these things as well,

## **1 Tim 5:17**

17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at **preaching and teaching.**

## **1 Tim 6:2**

2 **Teach and preach** these principles.

## **1 Tim 6:17**

6 **Instruct** those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited

## **1 Tim 6:18**

18 **Instruct** them to do good,

## **2 Tim 2:14**

14 **Remind them** of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words,

## **2 Tim 2:15**

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.**

## **2 Tim 2:24**

24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, **able to teach**, patient when wronged,

## **2 Tim 4:2**

2 **preach** the word; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort**, with great patience and instruction.

## **Titus 2:1**

1 But as for you, **speak** the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

## **Titus 2:15**

15 These things **speak and exhort and reprove** with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

## **Titus 3:1**

1 **Remind** them

# **1 John 2:12-14**

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.



Greek Word		Meaning	Spiritual Level	Characteristics	Need	Scripture
Positional Eternal	Practical Temporal					
Teknon  Huios		Child Forever Son Forever	Heir of God  Adopted	All Positional Truth	Put his Position into practice.	Jn, 1:12; <u>Rom.8:16,17</u> Gal. 3:26; Rom 8:14,15
	Brephos	New-born 0-1	Infant	Desire for milk	Taught the basics.	<u>1 Pet. 2:2</u>
	Nepios	Toddler 1-3	Baby/ Toddler	Foolish Immature	Discernment	I Cor. 3:1; Heb. 5:13 <u>Eph. 4:14</u>
	Paidion	Child 4-12	Committed Disciple	Teachable  Strong	Discipline	1 Jn. 2:13,14 <u>1 Cor. 14:20</u>
	Neaniskos	Young Man 13-21	Victorious Disciple	Applies the Word Defeats Satan	Consistent victory.	1 Jn. 2:13,14
	Pater	Father Adult	Mature Disciple	Knowledgeable Teaches others	Reproduction	<u>1 Jn, 2:13.14</u> 1 Cor. 4:15

# **3 THINGS THAT WILL BRING YOU TO MATURITY -**

## ***1. The Word of God.***

### **1 Peter 2:2**

2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

### **2 Tim 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

17 so that the man of God may be perfect, equipped for every good work.

## ***2. Trials.***

### **James 1:2-4**

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

## ***3. Suffering.***

### **I Peter 5:10**

10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

## B. The proclamation of the Word.

### **Neh 8:1-9**

- 1 And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel.
- 2 Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.
- 3 He read from it before the square which was in front of the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law.
- 4 Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uria, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam on his left hand.

- 5 Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.
- 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.
- 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people remained in their place.
- 8 They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.
- 9 Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

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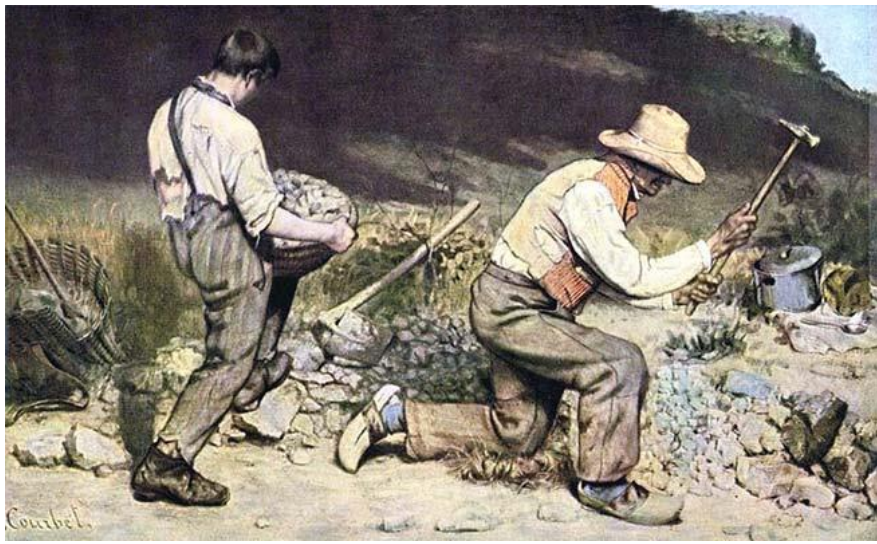
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## **Acts 20:27**

27 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose (counsel) of God.



"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that point which the world and the Devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages there the loyalty of the soldier is proved. And to be steady on all the battlefield besides that point is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point. If I can find the point at which a person will not submit to the Scripture, it is at that point I must engage the battle."

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1510 to 1546 - delivered 3,000 sermons.

Preached many times a week and sometimes 1-3 times a day.

1520 - wrote 133 books.

1522 - " 130

1524 - 183 (one every other day)

1528 - 183

## Typical Sunday

5AM - preached from an epistle

10 AM - preached on a gospel

5 PM - preached on the O.T.

Afternoon - preached to his kids

Monday - Thursday - preached on various doctrines during the day

Wed. nite - preached on Matt.

Friday nite - preached on one of Paul's letters

Sat. - preached on the gospel of John

# John Calvin

Wrote tracts, Institutes, Commentaries and preached 10 sermons every 2 weeks.

He preached steadily book after book after book after book after book.

He started a series on Acts on Aug. 25, 1549; finished it in March 1554

He preached 46 sermons out of Thess.

186	Corinthians
86	1 & 2 Tim and Titus
43	Galatians
48	Ephesians
6 years on the gospels	
150	Job
200	Deut.
353	Isaiah
123	Genesis

Started a seminary in Geneva, Switzerland, "School of the Martyrs" - so named because when you graduate, you would go to France and be killed.

Lost 3 children at childbirth, lost his wife to tuberculosis when she was in her late 40's.  
Calvin had migraines, hemorrhoids, kidney stones, colic, spitting blood and gout.

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7. Expository teaching teaches people how to interpret the Bible.

"Expository preaching is a most exacting discipline. Perhaps that's why it's so rare. Only those will undertake it who are prepared to follow the example of the Apostles and say it is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables, we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word. The systematic preaching of the Word is impossible without the systematic study of it. It will not be enough to skim through a few verses in daily Bible reading, nor to study a passage only when we have to preach from it. We must daily soak ourselves in the Scriptures. We must not just study as through a microscope the linguistic minutiae of a few verses, but take our telescope and scan the whole expanse of God's Word, assimilating its grand theme of divine sovereignty in the redemption of mankind."

- John Stott

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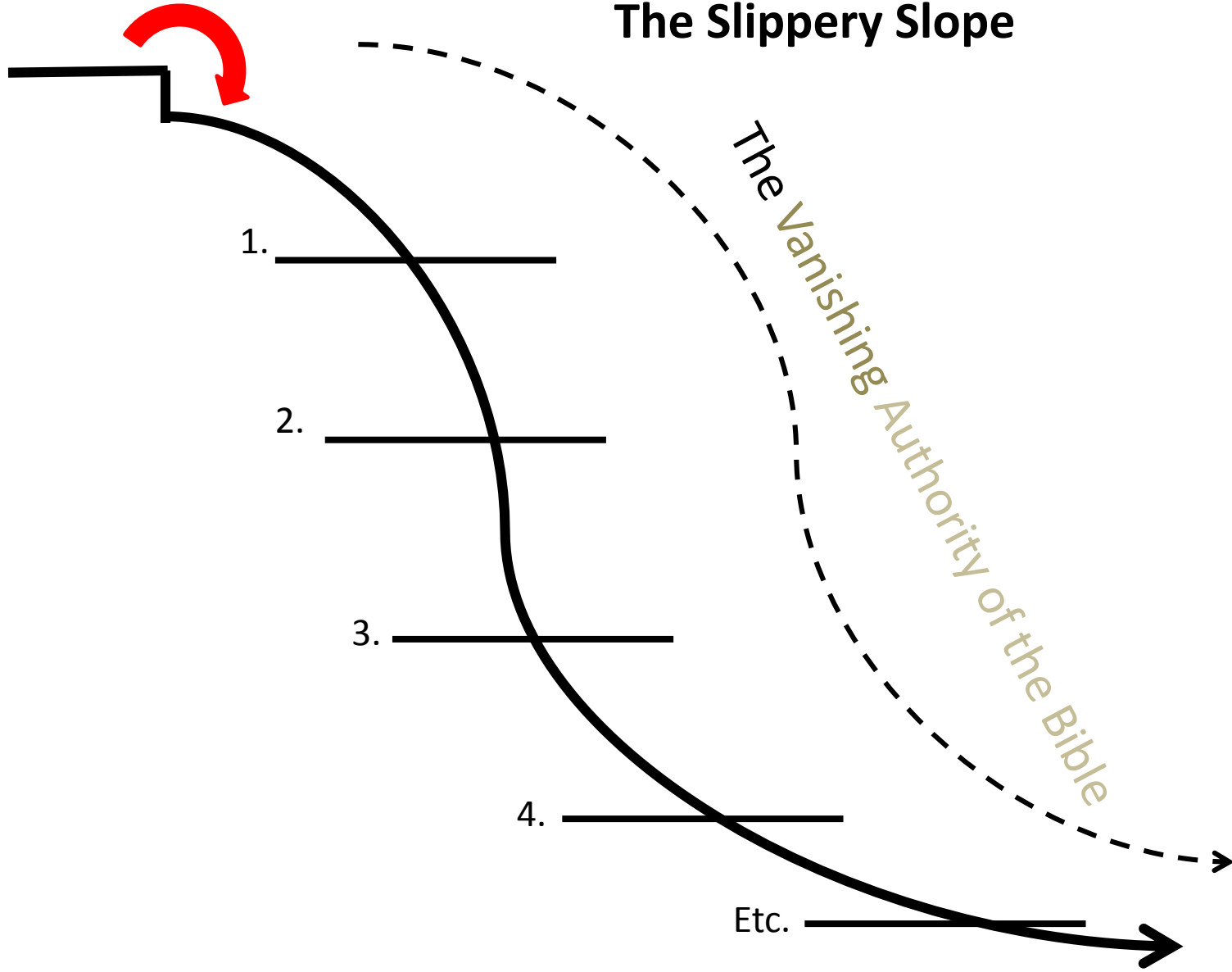
- 1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:
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- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,
- 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

“Many American churches are in a mess. Theologically they are indifferent, confused, or dangerously wrong. Liturgically they are the captives of superficial fads. Morally they live lives indistinguishable from the world. They often have a lot of people, money, and activities. But are they really churches, or have they degenerated into peculiar clubs?

What has gone wrong? At the heart of the mess is a simple phenomenon: the churches seem to have lost a love for and confidence in the Word of God. They still carry Bibles and declare the authority of the Scriptures. They still have sermons based on Bible verses and still have Bible study classes. But not much of the Bible is actually read in their services. Their sermons and studies usually do not examine the Bible to see what it thinks is important for the people of God. Increasingly they treat the Bible as tidbits of poetic inspiration, of pop psychology, and of self-help advice. Congregations where the Bible is ignored or abused are in the gravest peril. Churches that depart from the Word will soon find that God has departed from them.”

- Dr. W. Robert Godfrey  
President and professor of church  
history at Westminster Seminary  
San Diego, California

# The Slippery Slope





## **Rom 12:2**

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

\*\*"Amusing Ourselves to Death", by Neal Postman

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## **Acts 20:28-30**

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

## **2 Cor 11:13-15**

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

## **Jude 4**

4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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# **Description of “those who contradict” –**

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## **1 Tim 4:1-3**

- 1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
- 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

## **2 Peter 2:1-3**

- 1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.
- 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;
- 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

Emergent Church Movement	Oneness Trinitarianism
Word Faith Movement	A Common Word Document
Open Theism	Ecumenism
Worship of Angels	Centering Prayer
Wider Mercy	Contemplative Spirituality
New Perspective on Paul	Labyrinth
Latter Rain	Mysticism
Manifest Sons Of God	International Coalition of Apostles
Shepherding Movement	The New Legalism
Evangelical Feminism	Process Theology
Spring Harvest	Antinomianism
Church Growth Movement	Pelagianism
Liberalism	Semi-Pelagianism
New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)	Perfectionism
Third Wave Movement	Free Spirit
Contemporary Christian Worship Movement	Dualism
The Neo Evangelicals	Montanism
Manhattan Declaration	Arianism
International Apostolic Council (IAC)	Anti-Reformationism
International Coalition of Apostles (ICA)	Emotionalism
Evangelicals and Catholics Together Document	The New Pantheism
Prosperity Gospel	Toronto Blessing
New Breed	Universalism



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3. “Empty talkers” – no content, no substance, talk of myths, fantasies, that which is mystical, whatever they can imagine and dream up.
4. “Deceivers” – seducers of men’s minds, they are clever, good at pulling the wool over the eyes.
5. “specifically those of the circumcision” – they say we're Christians and we believe Jesus is the Messiah, but you can't know God unless you have been circumcised and you have maintained the Mosaic, ceremonial Law."

### **Gal 2:11-12**

- 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.
- 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

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## ***How to “silence” them:***

1. Confront and remove. (Matt 18:15-20)
2. Take them out of teaching ministries of any kind.
3. Do not allow them to promote their unbiblical beliefs through books, articles, emails, internet, to those in the church.
4. Do not give them money.
5. Be proactive and teach believers the error of the false teacher’s ways.

## **Rom 3:19**

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;