

A vibrant, stylized image of the Chicago skyline at night, featuring prominent skyscrapers like the Willis Tower. The image is overlaid with a bright, multi-colored geometric pattern in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. The title text is superimposed on this background.

What Can Destroy The Church?



A Lack Of Love

1 John 3:14-18

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

¹⁵ Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.



A Lack Of Faithfulness

Nothing grows a Christian like a serious commitment to a single church week in and week out for years and years. Not conferences. Not social media. Not even personal devotions. The local church is where mature Christians are slowly forged in the fires of mundane faithfulness. — Michael Foster



A Lack Of Faithfulness

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)



Denying the POWER

2 Timothy 3:1-5

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.



Pursuing Sensuality

1 John 2:15-17

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.



Non-Confrontational Pastors

Revelation 3:15

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.



Will this church survive?

- A. Are we established on Jesus Christ as our rock?
- B. Do we live with love, purity, and zeal?
- C. Is daily prayer our steadfast hope?
- D. Are we investing into the next generation?
- E. Are we outward focused or consumed with ourselves?
- F. Are we investing in Missions?
- G. Are we soul winning?



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