

“...EMPOWERING PASTORS & LEADERS OF CHURCHES WITH MOSTLY NEW AMERICANS, WHO ARE REACHING THE WORLD!”

NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR PASTORS

Pastors and church leaders, I hope this newsletter is helpful to you. Here are some tools and insights which I have learned from and use:

→ If you have to lead worship and preach most Sundays, wow, that can be about 50 times/year! What passages should we preach on?! How can we be creative every Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter season?!

Consider using the Lectionary, which gives suggested passages for each Sunday, according to the Church calendar. To research this, type “Lectionary” into your internet search engine.

→ Take time to plan what you will preach over the next 3-12 months. Maybe the Lectionary can guide you in that, or maybe you want to focus on themes, but good planning can help you save time, lower stress, and preach more effectively.

→ Please ask me (605-376-6330) if you want some guidance or suggestions on organizing and writing a

sermon so you can efficiently write it, and it will be most helpful to the congregation. I have helpful tools from seminary and from Timothy Leadership Training, and which I can share with you.

→ My friend, John Warden, wrote an excellent article for us church leaders, about **not falling to the Temptation of Power**. You can read it at this webpage---

www.reconciledworld.org/flourish/healthy-leadership-the-temptation-of-power-2/

→ Through my DMin studies, I am learning that being thoughtful, patient, and personal in Gospel outreach is key to having effective visits. Examples: 1) In outreach to Native American, non-believing friends, I have been giving a book, *One Church, Many Tribes*, written by Lakota Sioux pastor, Richard Twiss. I later have a follow-up visit with them about the book. 2) In outreach to a teenage Nepali friend who is quite musical, I am giving him a guitar donated to me. A

Our newest ministry is Driver Training for new American adults. If somebody needs this, please inform them.

We offer “Strategic Planning for Achieving Goals.” If young adults in your church need this, let them know.

We continually offer Timothy Leadership Training. If you or others in your church may be interested in this good program, let me know.

young man who is a praise team leader and guitarist will deliver it with me, showing him how to tune it.

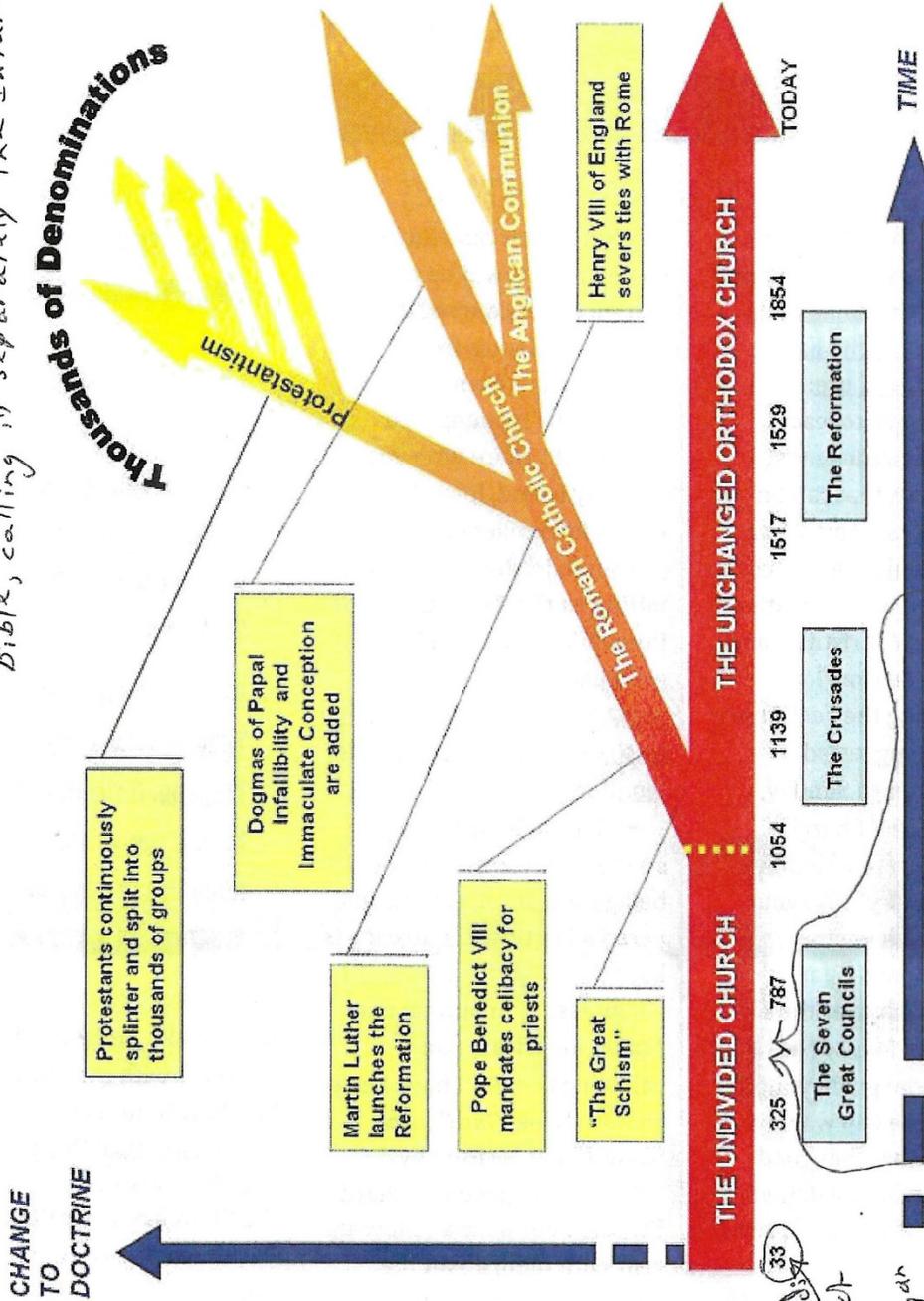
→ Please turn this page over for a history lesson on the Church of Jesus Christ. Feel free to use it in teaching others.

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→ 66 books in Protestant's Bible (39 in OT + 27 in NT)
 → 73 books in Catholic's Bible (46 in OT + 27 in NT)
 → over 80 books in Ethiopian Orthodox's Bible
 * in 1534, Martin Luther removed the Apocrypha from the Inter-testamental section, calling it separately the Inter-testamental section.



33
 Jesus died
 the church
 (book of
 Acts) began

367AD, The New Testament, with its 27 books was 'canonized' (officially recognized) by Church fathers & councils

Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed (325 AD), Athanasian Creed

These were written & approved by Church councils to combat heresy

<http://www.orthodoxresource.co.uk/orthodoxy/timeline.jpg>