

THE CHURCH AWAKENING: AN URGENT CALL FOR RENEWAL

DISTINCTIVES OF A CONTAGIOUS CHURCH

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-10



The Heart of the Matter

Why will some people drive past any number of churches to worship at one located farther from their home? What draws some people into a particular church, causing them to stay excited, to invest money, and to become actively involved in the life of that church? The best word to describe such a church is *contagious*—there is something about that church that is infectious. When a church is in this category, the word quickly travels. People witness passion and enthusiasm; they sense excitement and want to be a part of it. Churches like this have four distinctive qualities, as Paul listed in 2 Timothy.



Discovering the Way

1. A Mentor's Last Letter to His Friend

Second Timothy was Paul's last will and testament—his last words. Unlike some last words, Paul's are lasting because they are timeless and trustworthy.

2. Timeless Characteristics of a Contagious Church (2 Timothy 2:1-10)

A contagious church is a place of grace, a place of mentoring, a place of hardship and fellowship, and a place of selfless endurance.

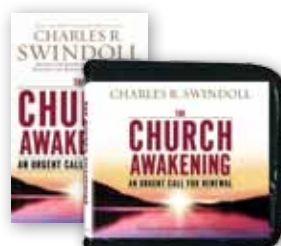


Starting Your Journey

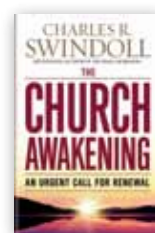
In order to be a contagious church, we must remember these distinctives and resist any signs of erosion.



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