Victory Church: The Values on Which We Stand

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7:24-27

I. Introduction

II. Examining Victory's Core Beliefs---Our Non-Negotiables

1. Victory is a local church that is about the things of God.

We are passionate concerning...

Our vibrant love_____

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." **Deuteronomy 6:5**

Our love for the

"...zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me." Psalm 69:9

Our love for accomplishing the

"...the Jews dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." Acts 17:6 (NKJV)

Our love for being a blessing to our

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

Our love for vibrant and exuberant

"Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; yes, let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!" Psalm 150:1; 6

2. At Victory Church, we are always

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." II Peter 3:18

- o ______growth (Eph. 4:20-24)
- o ______growth (II Tim.2:15)
- o _____ growth (Acts 2:42-47)

3. Victory is intent on pursuing ______living and excellent _____

"Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord ..." Hebrews 12:14

"Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us." Titus 2:7-8

4. At Victory we value, treasure and protect our at all costs. "I, Paul, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep, protect, maintain and preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity...For it is there that the LORD commands His blessing, even life forevermore." Psalm 133:1; 3

5. At Victory we are diligent in ______, and striving to always in all that we do, for we serve an excellent God! demonstrate _ "Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord you are serving." Col. 3:23-24

"Daniel became distinguished above all the other administrators and governors, because an excellent spirit was found in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." Daniel 6:3

6. At Victory, we value the process and modeling of

"Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and their officials love to flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even I, the Son of Man, came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which belongs to another man, who will give you that which is your own?" Luke 16:10-12

"Appreciate and reflect on your Pastoral leaders who gave and taught you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness. There should be that same consistency that runs through us all." Hebrews 13:7 (MSG)

"If you don't know where you are going, you just might wind up someplace else." ---Yogi Berra

"Your values create your internal compass that can navigate how you make decisions in your life. If you compromise your core values, you go nowhere." ---Roy Bennett

Answer Key:

1. Passionate

- o For the Lord
- o House of the Lord
- o Will of God
- o Local area and people
- o Praise and worship

2. Hungry for growth

- o Spiritual
- o Scriptural
- o Numerical
- 3. Holiness----character

<u>4. unity</u>

- 5. pursuing-----excellence
- 6. Servant-Leadership