

CONFESSIONS OF A PASTOR

Part 6 | Sunday, October 16, 2016

“What I really think of our church.”

MY CONFESSION:

1. “Our services improve the more you _____ and participate.”
2. “We must grow _____ while still growing _____.”
3. Confession: (purpose) “What we do today is a _____ for generations to come.”

❖ *“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.” ~ Billy Graham*

❖ *“Outlive your life!” ~ Max Lucado*

Proverbs 13:22 NLT Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren...

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10 MSG Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

- ❖ We will never be remembered or revered for what we _____ but what we _____!
- ❖ If our church ceased to exist today would anyone notice or care other than our members?

4. “I'm frustrated when we have _____.”

❖ We pursue every _____, not everyone.

5. CONFESSON: “I want Rock Family Church to reach _____% or more of our community.”

❖ What will it take?

- 1) People who will _____.
- 2) People who will commit.
- 3) People who will _____.
- 4) People who will _____.
- 5) People who will _____.
- 6) People who will recruit.

6. CONFESSON: “I am honored to be the pastor of incredible people like you!”

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-8 Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, 8 so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.