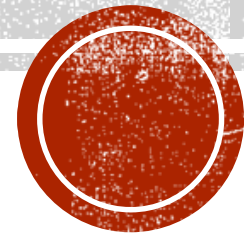


10 UNDENIABLE FALLACIES THAT KILLS A CHURCH

First African Baptist Church

“Church Growth & Maturity Series”

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ALL 10 FALLACIES FALL UNDER TWO CATEGORIES:

- CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP- HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER AS CHRISTIANS AND CHURCH MEMBERS.**
- CHRISTIAN PREACHING- HOW WE TREAT AND EXECUTE THE INTERPRETATION OF GOD'S WORD.**





“CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP”

Is a group of believers who have an affinity for Jesus Christ.

First African working together trying to get right with God collectively.

FABC following God, learning how to love him, and learning how to love each other.



Church Conflicts: Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Timothy 5:17

- The way church folk treat each other (members, visitors, leadership)
- Meanness, hatefulness, gossipy, busybody, click-ish, can become very cancerous and spread all over the church like a wild fire
- Unqualified leaders (1) causing fires or simply (2) not putting them out.



A church that does not know (or except) her weaknesses:

Mark 8:27, Matthew 16:15

- If we don't know our weaknesses how can we get better?
- Who does others say we are in the community, sister churches, visitors, etc.
- What reputation have we developed over the years, months, lately (has it changed? For better or worse...?)



Lack of Transparency: Galatians 6: 1-10 “Do I only love what I know about you”

- Can I trust you with the real me, can I be real with my church family?
- Most church folk can't handle the real truth, instead we pretend to be perfect instead.
- People are drawn to a church and Christ through our testimony, transparency and struggle
 - **Remember: confession is good for the soul, but bad for the reputation.**



No Attention to small Details:

Luke 12:7 (God pays attention to small details so should we)

- It has been proven small details matters...
- Streaking microphones, no tissue in bathrooms, foul smell/odors, loose door knobs, spider webs, dust on furniture, paper on premises outside/inside etc.
- Every ministry has to be aware of the small details others observe that could potentially turn someone away from FABC or offend.



No Time Management: 1 Corinthians 14:40

- No structure, no plan, simply wasting time.
- Services that disregard one's valuable time...be efficient and effective
- Starting programs and services perpetually late...5 minutes early is on time

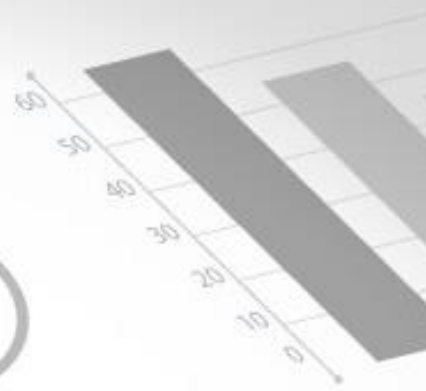


Finances (money): Malachi 3:10

- A church that begs for money turn people away.
- No financial vision or strategy for debt cancellation: short term, long term, etc.
- Un-exegetical scriptural pretense: money prayer lines, money at prophet feet, selling spiritual water, oil, etc.



Performance Testing



**WHAT TIME IS IT?
TEST TIME!**

1. What stood out to you in this lesson?

2. What area do you see we need to immediately start in?

3. How can I begin to make an immediate impact?

