

Sins of Immaturity

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.” (2 Timothy 2:20-23)

Pastors Must Flee Sins of Immaturity Like the People

1. These four vessels correspond to the four types of ground in Mark 4. All are types of believers in a church:
 - a. Honor
 - b. Sanctified
 - c. Useful for the Master
 - d. Prepared for ever good work
2. Sins of immaturity include:
 - a. You are driven by numbers attending.
 - b. You compete to have the largest church in the city.
 - c. Each sermon must outdo the last.
 - d. You look for compliments to judge the quality of your sermon.
 - e. You are too moved by compliments and criticism.
You must be love by everyone.
 - f. You preach to impress other ministers.
 - g. You preach your own views to distance yourself doctrinally from the group your church came from.
 - h. You preach your own views to distance yourself doctrinally from the previous pastor.

- i. You love preaching on controversial issues.
 - j. You seek to reach a demographic. Don't try to draw a particular group. Just preach to whoever comes in.
3. Focus on the character and purity of the members.
- a. Denominational churches unite around doctrine.
 - b. Independent churches unite around vision, infilling, and gifts of the Spirit, soulwinning, and discipleship.
 - c. Emphasizing your difference on doctrines divides our church from within and from other churches.