"Where Is Your Church Going?" Series from I Timothy Lesson One: "Problems Churches Face" Acts 18:1-3, 18-26; Acts 19:1-41; I Timothy 1:1-3 Conquerors Sunday School Class – Sunday, June 5, 2022

Our Lesson's Theme Verse is found in this passage of Scripture... "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Timothy 3:14-15

Today's Lesson Thought can be summed up in this one Statement... "God's Word Has All The Plans And Solutions To Having The Right Kind Of Church!"

Lesson: 'Problems Churches Face'

- I : A Church Is Established
 - A: Church Birth
 - o Acts 18:1-3, Acts 18:11, Acts 18:18-28, Luke 24
 - B: Church Growth • Acts 19:1-10, Acts 20:17-32, Acts 19:20, I Timothy 1: 1-4

II : A Leader Is Developed

- A: Leadership Is Chosen • Acts 9:1-16, Galatians 1:11-24, Ephesians 3:6-11, I Timothy 1:12-13
- B: Leadership Is Groomed O I Timothy 1:1-2, Matthew 6:19-21, II Timothy 2:1-3

III : A Pastor and People Are Counseled

- I Timothy 1:12-15, I Timothy 3:14-15

Conclusion:

Every church, every pastor, and every truly born again child of God will indeed face problems and heartaches within the ministry that will threaten to dishearten, discourage, and even divide that called out assembly of born again believers. But folks, God's Word <u>NEVER</u> changes, and Jesus <u>NEVER</u> Fails!

And when going through the hard times and when battling with the problems that face every church and every born again child of God, let us determine to keep our hearts humble in the saving grace of our loving God and not only be willing to stay in the Word of God and allow the Word of God to stay in us, but may we be willing to learn from those times of testing.

May we learn from each problem to see the faithfulness of our God to see us through every difficult time and every disheartening circumstance as together, both pastor and people, we keep our eyes on Jesus and we

continue, as we learned in our previous lesson series from II Timothy 4:5, to "...watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

The world is watching us today, folks!

Let's determine to let them see Christ Jesus in us and in our actions, even when we face the most difficult times of lives and personal ministry for the Lord!