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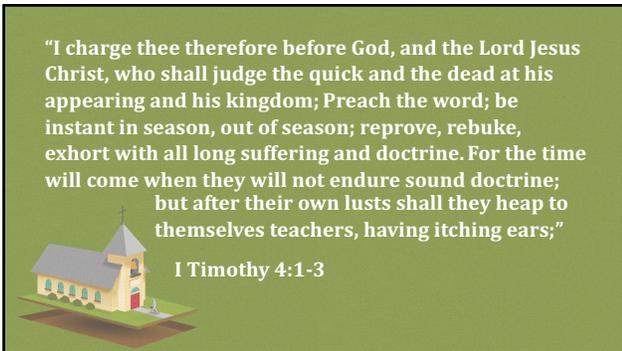
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“Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.”



Acts 20:31

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Compassion without Biblical Commitment =  
A Social Club

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Compassion without Biblical Commitment =  
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Biblical Commitment without Compassion =  
Dead Orthodoxy

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**Biblical Commitment coupled with  
Biblical Compassion is the key to church  
growth, revitalization, and survival!**

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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

1. Be **CONSISTENT** ("Unchanging in nature or standard, acting in the same way over time")



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- 1. Be CONSISTENT ("Unchanging in nature or standard, acting in the same way over time")
  - a. Consistent in the SCRIPTURES



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- 1. Be CONSISTENT ("Unchanging in nature or standard, acting in the same way over time")
  - a. Consistent in the SCRIPTURES
  - b. Consistent in our STAND



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

- 1. Be CONSISTENT ("Unchanging in nature or standard, acting in the same way over time")
  - a. Consistent in the SCRIPTURES
  - b. Consistent in our STAND
  - c. Consistent in our SCOPE



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

2. Be CONSIDERATE ("Showing careful thought")



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

2. Be CONSIDERATE ("Showing careful thought")  
a. of your AUDIENCE



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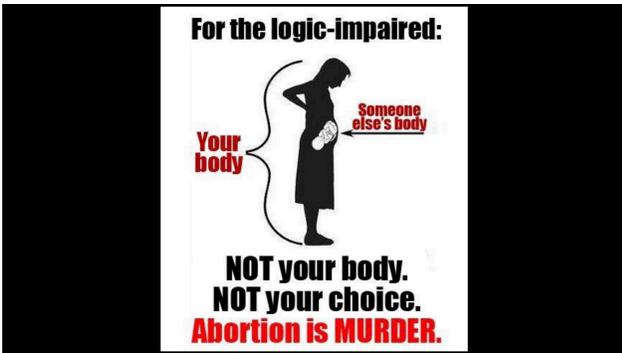
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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

2. Be CONSIDERATE ("Showing careful thought")
  - a. of your AUDIENCE
  - b. of your APPROACH



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

3. Be COMPASSIONATE



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

3. Be COMPASSIONATE

a. in your MESSAGE



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

3. Be COMPASSIONATE

a. in your MESSAGE

*"Knowing there are people in our pews who are struggling with the sins we are preaching against should not change our TUNE, but it should change our TONE."*

*~ Jim McComas*



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

- 3. Be COMPASSIONATE
  - a. in your MESSAGE
  - b. in your METHODS



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**Three Keys to Move from Rhetoric to Relevance**

- 3. Be COMPASSIONATE
  - a. in your MESSAGE
  - b. in your METHODS

*"If you really believe God's plan of redemption applies to people of all backgrounds, you're sinning if you intentionally neglect a group of people because they make you feel uncomfortable."*

~ Sam Rainer



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