

**HOW FAR SHOULD THE CHURCH GO TO REACH
'THE MILLENNIALS'?**

(HAS THE CHURCH ALREADY GONE TOO FAR)?

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Abstract

This research paper will take a look at the state of this new generation known to us as ‘the Millennials.’ What we will try to seek out according to the Bible, if the church is reaching this core group of people. We will take information first from our foundation of truth which is based on the Scriptures, the Word of God. The Scriptures being the true source, we will then gather scholarly writing and then get more information from interviews with millennials, Pastors, leaders and lay members to find out is this target group really effectively been sought out.

One of the main questions in this study will be has the church gone too far to reach the millennials and or how far should they go using their present methods? Is the plan of the church in accordance with the Word of God?

In this paper this author will seek to discover the challenges that face the church as they proceed to include millennials in their worship service, and seek to understand the adjustments they are willing to make to include them. How does this stand up against the primary source of this investigation, the Word of God. Does the impact of the Word affect the millennials? Is the words and work of the church meaningless in their attempt to reach the millennials?

The focus Scriptures for this research paper will be the following, as this author will base all investigations, questions and findings on these foundational truths.

2 Timothy 3 says, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” 2 Timothy 3:1-5). KJV

2 Timothy 4 says, “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; ² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. ³ For the *time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine*; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, *having itching ears*; ⁴ And *they shall turn away their ears from the truth*, and shall be turned unto fables. ⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (KJV)

Have we come to this time, is the present day in which we live? The word endure means according to dictionary.com ‘to hold out against; sustain without impairment or yielding; to support adverse force or influence of any kind; and to suffer without yielding, suffer patiently.’ It is this author’s belief that we are living in a day that people especially millennials will not endure sound doctrine because they have ‘itching ears.’ So who are those know as millennials. I will introduce them in the following pages.

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INTRODUCTION

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