

Word Power and Church Reading report

The Word & Power Church / Report by Doug Banister

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A brief summary of Doug Banister book *The Word and Power Church* mentions what does a word and power church have that it blesses God. It also mentions what works in a church what does not. I like the sub title of Part one of the book "A house divided cannot stand." It reminds me that there needs to have a balance between negative and positive stands on thoughts and opinions on what makes a church thrive for the Lord. This Holy Spirit is mentioned through the entire course of this book. There are many churches that are very Charismatics in their style of worship. There are many churches that are very evangelical. One of the passages I read in *Our common Heritage* says that Charismatics and evangelicals are both the same with one difference. "The Charismatics has the belief that the Holy Spirit comes after conversion." () page 45. Many churches I have witnessed in say they are more charismatic over Evangelical. The evangelicals have a rich tradition of believing in their five building blocks of faith. They follow expository preaching, The authority of Scripture, the mystery of the kingdom, spiritual growth of process, and spiritual renewal. I see that the Charismatics focus on the Holy Spirit through Prayer. (p 69) I agree with what Doug Banister says about prayer. "Everybody prays." The message

Is simple. Every ministry in every church knows about prayer. There is a focus that before every outreach, worship service it is essential to pray. Charismatic or Evangelical thought the Holy Spirit is there to intercede for God. Doug Banister Word and Power Church Book mentions "the seven habits of highly passionate churches and the "danger of Half-built Churches." (page 133) The example used in the book is half built castles. Churches that have ministries that don't reach their goal don't achieve their potential I understand this having a passion for God is at the forefront of any ministry. I have seen many ministries in and around New York City thrive and fall back because of lack of resources and a passion for Jesus. Passionate churches have are successful because they create safe places, incorporate prayer in aspect of their church activities and develop an openness to kingdom breakthroughs, (page 134) I agree with many of the thoughts of the Word and Power Church. "True Spirituality is Passionate spirituality." (page 137) Word and power churches need the Caboose, worship evangelism, need to be present of a talking God, Keeping the bible alive, experience the Holy Spirit power, experience pain and disappointments,

With integrity, I have read this book (circle one):

Thoroughly and Entirely_____%

Quickly bQuickly and NOT Completely_____%

Not at all

Thoroughly but NOT Entirely_____%

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