

**A CHURCH WHOM THE LORD LOVES
REVELATION 3:7-13
SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

**HOW MUCH CAN OUR LORD ACCOMPLISH
THROUGH OUR CHURCH IN 2015?**

OUTLINE

The character of the Lord (3:7)

Our Lord possesses and exercises supreme power.

He makes outreach through evangelism effective (vv. 8-9).

He exempts from the Tribulation (v. 10).

He rewards in heaven (v. 12).

The commendation of the Church (3:8-10)

Our Lord exalts a local church on the basis of its spiritual vitality and faithfulness.

He notes their walk in the Spirit (the key to power) (v. 8).

He notes their obedience to the Word of God (v. 8).

He notes their love for His Person (v. 8).

He notes their steadfast endurance in times of testing (v. 10).

The counsel of the Lord (3:11)

Our Lord promises to reward individual believers in heaven on the basis of their spiritual vitality and faithfulness.

The challenge to those who hear (3:12-13)

Our Lord promises the overcomer (the faithful believer) a fixed place of preeminence and great dignity in eternity.

PRINCIPLES

“OPPORTUNITIES DEPEND ON FAITHFULNESS”

1. Pursue the ministries to which the Lord directs you.
2. Maintain your walk in the Spirit.
3. Consistently apply God’s Word to your life.
4. Demonstrate your love for Christ in all of life’s perplexing circumstances.
5. Stand fast against persecution (whether family, friends, employers, or community).
6. Always press on – don’t become self-satisfied with your present stage of spiritual maturity.

If we apply these principles both corporately (as a local church body) and individually we will have spiritual power and will be greatly used of the Lord here in Portage in 2015.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU!

I thought it'd be nice to preach one going out that I preached coming in. The point is, is that Christ is coming again, and people had better be ready for Him because when He comes, He's going to put to death those who are His enemies. That's what the whole tribulation period is about. Our evangelistic effectiveness is not over, yet. God's going to use us in mighty ways in spite of this difficulty....

We're still going to come out and champion obedience to God's cause. We're going to do the right thing. We're going to keep the right attitude. We're going to stay in the Scripture. We're going to memorize Scripture. We're going to pray Scripture. We're going to walk with the Lord and keep in mind all that He's already taught us. We're not going to cave in. Never. Never. Praise the Lord!

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