

# Things That Go Bump In The Church

(2 Timothy 1:7)



- Introduction:
1. You won't have to talk to many people before you find some who are afraid of church.
  2. In this series, we will be looking at some of the reasons people give for being afraid of church, and hopefully dispel some of those fears.

## I. People Are Afraid Because They Would Have To Change

- A. (Luke 24:46-47).
- B. (Matthew 3:8).
- C. There certainly are changes that are demanded of one who comes to Jesus.
- D. The rub is that seldom do any of us like to change.
- E. What we then must do is provide sufficient reasons for people to change.
- F. "Rules without Relationship Result in Rebellion."
- G. (Romans 2:4).

## II. They Are Afraid Because Of Bad Experiences

- A. There is no defense for the way some people have been treated in the church.
- B. It's nothing new (3 John 9-10).
- C. What people need to remember is that churches need grace too.
- D. Remind people that it's not fair to judge the best of us by the worst of us...in fact, that's true with all things.
- E. However, let this remind us of how careful we need to be.
- F. (2 Corinthians 3:2).

- Conclusion:
1. So you see, there are some things that "go bump in the church," and we need to do our best to identify these things in such a way they don't need to be feared.
  2. Are your fears keeping you from doing the right thing?
  3. Be strong and courageous and obey the Lord!