

Building a
Legacy:
A Fruitful Church

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Colossians 4:17

“See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord.”

Two Prophetic Portraits



Church at Antioch



The River of God

Characteristics of an Antioch Church

Acts 11:19-30

1. Radically committed to the power of the gospel

“...Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.” v. 20

2. A Multi-cultural Church



3. They experienced a great harvest.

“The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.” Acts 11:21



4. There was an evidence of God's grace.

“When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all.” Acts 11:23

5. An Active Five-Fold Ministry

- Apostles
- Teachers
- Prophets



6. Hungry for God's Word

“So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people...” Acts 11:25



7. Modeled a Christian Lifestyle

“The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.” Acts 11:27



8. A Generous, Giving Church

“This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.” Acts 11:30



The River of God

Ezekiel 47:1-12

The River of God is clearly portrayed.

1. God repeatedly used “rivers” as a symbol of His life-giving Spirit.
2. What is the River of God?
3. God desires that every church experience the river of God.



The River brings blessing and life.

1. The river is a place for fruitful trees to be planted and to grow (v. 7, 12);



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2. The river causes life to spring forth everywhere. (v.9)



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3. The river brings healing and health to everything. (v. 9, 12)



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4. The river will be a place for many fish
(v. 9, 10)



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5. The river flows out to dry and barren places. (v.8)



We must Step into God's River

- The river is to be enjoyed
- God desires for people to be touched and transformed by the river
- There are differing levels & depths for entering into the river.
 - Ankle
 - Knee
 - Waist
 - Head

