

TO REMODEL OR RESTORE?

1. Text: I Timothy 3:14-16
2. Let's begin this lesson with a story.

I. **The Distinctions**

1. Story: The old woman's visit to the house
2. Her comment:
3. Remodel: to model again, to reconstruct with a different pattern.
4. Restore: to bring back to a previous condition, prior position or existence.
5. Examples:

II. **The Decision (For The Church)**

1. Let's compare this to the church or the house of God.
2. Called a house in our text: I Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6 (Christ is over His house whose house we are); I Peter 2:5 (You as living stones are being built up a spiritual house)
3. So how do we view our approach to the "house of God"? Restore or remodel?
4. The answer of the religious world: Essentially, bring it "up to date."
5. An example: I Kings 12:28-33 (Jeroboam the remodeler)

III. **The Demand (Of Scripture)**

1. Obedience to God's word leaves no option.
2. Jude 3 Contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.
3. Galatians 1:6-10 A different, perverted, another gospel must be rejected.
4. II Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word; later people will turn from the truth.
5. Acts 20:28-30 Warning concerning those false teachers or remodelers.
6. Restoration must be our plea.

IV. **The Dangers**

1. Common assumption: best to remodel (as in selling a house)
2. Key: focus on past, not present.
3. Whole different "mentality": not our remodeling versus others but restoring versus remodeling.
4. Examples: music in worship; women leading in worship assemblies (I Timothy 2:12)
5. Why problem? uncertainty, ignorance, confidence, conviction, love.
6. Daniel's house:

Conclusion: What was the early house like?

