

**Greg Kappas**  
*Bio*

Greg became a Christian on May 7, 1975, near the end of his sophomore year in college. He loves Jesus Christ! He was born (1955) and raised in the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati, Ohio region. He is the youngest of four siblings. Greg met his wonderful wife, Debbie in graduate school in 1981 and was married in 1982. Greg and Debbie have 2 beautiful children, Michele and Tiffany. The family is rounded out with an energetic Australian shepherd, Cookie.

Greg starred for a national championship baseball team (1972) and was a record setting pitcher for Marshall University (1973-1977) where he graduated with a B.A. in Speech. He was inducted into the Marshall University Hall of Fame in 2012. Sensing a strong call to preach, teach and train others in the Word of God, Greg turned down a free agent contract with the Boston Red Sox (1977) and went into full-time ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ. Dr. Kappas has served the Lord full-time in Christian work since 1977. He has three earned graduate degrees, M.Div., Th.M. and D.Min. from seminaries in Southern California and Oregon. He has studied with his wife in Israel and worked as a teaching and executive assistant for 2 seminary presidents.

Dr. Kappas has been selected by his peers as one of the top 100 U.S. evangelical influencers in leadership development (1999, Leadership Network). He speaks and teaches regularly for many ministries, including The Timothy Initiative, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Exponential, Leadership Network, Mosaic Global Network and Grace Global Network. He has served on the adjunct faculty of numerous evangelical seminaries teaching Hermeneutics, Preaching, Bible, Theology, Leadership, Church Health and Growth. He is a cofounder of the International Church Planters Summit. He also is a cofounder of Heart of Grace Ministries ([heartofgrace.com](http://heartofgrace.com)). Greg has led, pastored and served on the Executive and Preaching teams of some of America's fastest growing churches and consults with churches around the world, including strategic mega churches.

Greg is an international leader in the fields of church planting, discipleship/mentoring and leadership development. He has been a leader of leaders in personally coaching thousands of church planters/pastors and hundreds of church planting movement leaders. He is an influential communicator, both orally and in written form. Greg has authored or co-authored numerous works, including the highly regarded *Twenty-five Questions for Planting a Healthy Church*, *Five Stages for Multiplying Healthy Churches*, *Recapturing the Art of Shepherding* and *Somewhere Inside the Rainbow*. He recently served as General Editor and author for The Timothy Initiative's Foundational 11 book Curriculum. Greg has over 300,000 volumes in print. He has had a fruitful ministry in training national and international influencers in multi-ethnic, cross-cultural and multi-generational local church ministry. There are over 47,000 multiplying evangelical churches started and one million plus people have come to Jesus Christ through The Timothy Initiative and Grace Global Network.

In December of 2004, Greg founded Grace Global Network and serves as President. This national and international church planting movement is seeing remarkable favor from the Lord. GGN partners with other evangelical reproducing church planting movements in multiplying new churches around the globe ([graceglobalnetwork.org](http://graceglobalnetwork.org)). GGN also assists turnaround churches to greater health through a creative process of ministry.

Greg's family resides in Phoenix, Arizona. He has served as the Vice President and on the Leadership Team for The Timothy Initiative ([ttionline.org](http://ttionline.org)) from 2009-2016 and has served on the Grace Fellowship Executive and Preaching Team (2009 – 2013). He is humbled by the grace of God upon his life.

Dr. Kappas has coached evangelical millionaire executives and leaders of oil, aerospace engineering, insurance, investments/retirement planning and construction to integrate their faith and corporate work with Scripture.

Greg enjoys reading, relaxing at the ocean/beach, sports and dates with his family. His favorite Bible influencers are Jesus, Daniel, Joseph and Paul.

