

# CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD CONGREGATIONAL SUCCESS

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## INTRODUCTION

1. “Contribution” means: to give or supply.
  - a. There are some things all of us can give or supply toward the success of the congregation.
2. In this lesson, we want to look at these contributions.

### I. THE CONTRIBUTION OF ATTITUDE

- a. Attitude is the frame of mind one has toward things.
- b. One cannot be sent to jail for the wrong attitudes.
  - i. But the Lord can send us to Hell for them – I John 3:15.
- c. The reason we do the wrong things is because we have the wrong attitude – Matt. 5: 28; Mark 7: 20 – 22; Prov. 4:23; Matt. 12:35.
- d. The attitude of INDIFFERENCE manifests itself; a lack of feeling for or against anything:
  - i. In one failing to attend all the services – Heb. 10:25.
  - ii. In failing to support gospel meetings.
  - iii. In failing to teach others the gospel.
  - iv. In failing to study the Bible at home.
  - v. In failing to attend Bible study.
- e. The wrong attitude toward “PLEASURES OF THIS WORLD” – 2 Tim. 3:4; I John 2: 15 – 17:
  - i. They see nothing wrong with the Dance – Gal. 5:19.
  - ii. They see nothing wrong with wearing shorts – I Tim. 2:9.
  - iii. They see nothing wrong with a social drink – Prov. 20:1.
  - iv. They see nothing wrong in what they call a “white lie” – Rev. 21:8.
  - v. They see nothing wrong in filthy movies.
  - vi. They see nothing wrong in mixed swimming – Gal. 5:19.
- f. The attitude of “SELF-SATISFACTION” – Rev. 3:17.
  - i. This attitude says “leave things as they are; don’t rock the boat”.
  - ii. It says we don’t need to do anymore than we are already doing.
  - iii. It says we don’t need any preaching; we don’t need any improvement.
- g. The “MURMURING OR FAULT-FINDING” attitude – I Cor. 10:10; Matt. 7:1 -5; Phil. 2:14; I Pet. 4:9.
  - i. Men found fault with the Lord:
    1. Because He ate with the publicans and sinners – Matt. 9:11.
    2. Christ was criticized because of His family – Matt. 13:55.
    3. He was chided because of the community in which He lived – John 1:46.
    4. He and John the Baptist were both criticized – Luke 7: 33- 34.
  - ii. Paul was criticized:

1. Men said, *"His bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible"* – 2 Cor. 10:10.
2. They said he was a *"babbling"* – Acts 17: 18.
3. I Cor. 4:3.

II. THE CONTRIBUTION OF SERVICE

- a. The Lord saves men and women to SERVE HIM – I Cor. 6:20; 15:58.
- b. All have some ability – Matt. 25: 14 – 15.
- c. All do not have the same ability – Rom. 12: 4 – 8.
- d. We must render to Him service DAILY:
  - i. We are to pray daily – I Thess. 5:17
  - ii. We are to study daily – 2 Tim. 2:15
  - iii. We are to teach daily – I Pet. 3:15
  - iv. We are to encourage one another daily – Heb. 10: 24

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