HOW MEMBERS CAN OVERCOME DISENCHANTMENT WITH THEIR WORSHIP AND
SERVICE TO GOD

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INTRODUCTION

1. Evidence abounds of widespread disenchantment on the part of members of the church with their WORSHIP, WORK, and SERVICE TO GOD.

2. Many become so disenchanted that they dropout with regard to faithfulness to Christ and His church.

3. When attendance to the services of the church becomes a DRUDGERY you are SLIPPING!

4. SIGNS OF DISENCHANTMENT:
   (1) During the song service, do you cease to sing with the MELODY in your heart? -- Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16
   (2) During the preaching service does your mind wander off the lesson, and do you begin to watch the clock?
   (3) In eating the Lord’s Supper, have you ceased to discern the Lord's body, having your mind on other things? -- I Cor. 11:29
   (4) Do you no longer find pleasure in association with fellow Christians? -- Act 2: 46; Rom. 12: 10; John 13:34 - 35

5. CAUSES OF DISENCHANTMENT
   (1) Misconceptions about the church -- thinking of it as a "social club".
   (2) Thinking of the church as a UTOPIA on earth -- churches have problems because Christians sin -- I John 1:8; I Cor. 11:19; James 3:2
   (3) Thinking of the church as an UNDISCIPLINED RELATIONSHIP, where members are free to live as they please -- II Tim. 4:2; I Cor. 5: 1 - 5; II Thess. 3:6
   (4) Because of persecution--Matt. 13:21; 5: 10 - 12
   (6) Lusts of other things -- Mark 4: 19
   (7) Unhappy experiences -- personality conflicts, inconsistencies

6. Let us study some things that will help us OVERCOME DISENCHANTMENT and give us SPIRITUAL VITALITY.

I. FIRST, IT WILL HELP TO FACE SOME FACTS:
   1. God planned the church from eternity -- Eph. 3: 9 - 11; Rev. 13:8; John 1:29
   2. Jesus died for the church -- Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28
   3. Jesus built the church -- Matt. 16: 18
   4. The saved are added to the church -- Acts 2:47
   5. Jesus is the Savior of the church -- Eph. 5:23
   6. The church is the Elect of God -- I Pet. 1:2
   7. The worship of the church is by the authority of Christ -- Matt. 28:18; John 4:24
8. If I am disenchanted with the church, I am disenchanted with God's plan and my only hope of salvation -- 
Heb. 10: 25 - 26

II. NEXT, WE NEED A "HEART" EXAMINATION -- II Cor. 13:5; James 1: 22 - 25
   1. Am I genuinely involved in the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day? -- I Cor. 11: 23 - 30
   2. Am I involved in the Singing? -- Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19
   3. Do I search each sermon to hear something meaningful for me?
   4. Do I give liberally? -- II Cor. 9: 6 - 7; Matt. 6:21
   5. Do I make an honest effort to "find my place" in the local church? -- I Cor. 12:18
   6. Do I try to help others with their problems? -- Gal. 6: 1 - 2; I Cor. 12: 25 - 26
   7. Do I read the Bible and study it regularly? -- II Tim. 2:15; Psa. 119: 11
   8. Do I get involved in Bible classes?
   9. Have I led just one soul to Christ?
   10. Do I associate with members of the church? Acts 2:46

III. DO I REALIZE THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP?
   1. To WORSHIP GOD -- John 4:24; I Pet. 2:5
   2. To EDIFY the saints-- Matt. 28:20; Eph. 4: 11 - 12; Acts 20:32; I Cor. 14:26
   3. To PROVOKE UNTO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS-- Heb. 10: 24 - 25
   4. To TEACH and ADMONISH one another -- Col. 3:16
   5. To TEACH SINNERS the truth -- I Cor. 14:23
   6. I need the attitude of David -- Psa. 122:1

IV. WE NEED TO MAKE MORE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
   1. Ezra 7:10 --"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel 
      statutes and judgments."
   2. We must live and walk with God daily -- Gen. 5:24; I John 1:7; II Cor. 5:7

V. WE NEED TO BE MORE SPIRITUALLY MINDED
   1. Rom. 8:6
   2. Col. 3: 1 -2
   3. Phil. 2:5

VI. WE NEED A GREATER DESIRE FOR HEAVEN
   1. Abraham --Heb. 11: 8 - 10
CONCLUSION

1. I hope this lesson will help all of us to overcome any disenchantment we may have in our worship and service to God.

2. All of us must have a greater devotion in our service to God.

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