

# **SOME PEOPLE THE CHURCH CANNOT DO WITHOUT**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

- a. The people that the church cannot do without are the FAITHFUL.
- b. These people are a delight in every congregation.
- c. They are a "*joy and crown*" – Phil. 4:1.
- d. The church cannot do without them.

## **II. THE LORD DOES NOT REQUIRE GREATNESS OUT OF US, BUT HE DOES REQUIRE FAITHFULNESS – 2 Cor. 5:7.**

- a. We are to be faithful stewards – I Cor. 4: 1 – 2; I Pet. 4:10
- b. Christians are to be faithful unto death – Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22.
- c. The gospel is to be committed to faithful men – 2 Tim. 2:2.
  - i. Timothy was faithful – I Cor. 4:17
  - ii. Paul kept the faith – 2 Tim. 4: 6 – 8.
- d. The Lord rewarded the faithful servants – Matt. 25: 14 – 30.

## **III. IN WHAT ARE CHRISTIANS TO BE FAITHFUL?**

- a. They are to be faithful in ATTITUDE.
  - i. Right attitude toward the authority of Christ – Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1: 22 – 23; I Pet. 3:22; I Pet. 4: 11.
    - 1. The line must be drawn sharply between truth and error – Gal. 2:5.
  - ii. Right attitude toward men who preach the truth – Gal. 4:16; Tit. 1: 9 – 11.
  - iii. Right attitude toward members – Heb. 13:1; John 13: 34 – 35.
  - iv. Right attitude toward preaching to the Lost – Mk. 16: 15 – 16.
- b. They are to be faithful in putting the Kingdom FIRST – Matt. 6:33.
  - i. Put it before self – Luke 9:23.
  - ii. Must come before loved ones – Matt. 10:37.
  - iii. Must come before the dead – Matt. 8: 21 – 22.
  - iv. Must come before pleasure – 2 Tim. 3:4.
- c. They are to be faithful in BIBLE STUDY.
  - i. 2 Tim. 2:15
  - ii. Heb. 5: 12 – 14
  - iii. They attend Bible Study classes.
- d. They are to be faithful in LIFE.
  - i. 2 Cor. 6: 14 – 17; Rom. 12:1 – 2; Tit. 2: 11 -12.
  - ii. Matt. 5: 13 – 16; Phil. 1:27.
- e. They are to be faithful in PRAYER.
  - i. I Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; I Tim. 2:1 – 8; I Pet. 3: 21; I John 5: 14 – 15.
- f. They are to be faithful in ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLIES.
  - i. Heb. 10: 24 – 25
- g. They are to be faithful in TEACHING others.
  - i. Matt. 28: 19 – 20; 2 Tim. 2: 2; I Pet. 3: 15.

## **IV. SOME OTHER TRAITS THESE PEOPLE HAVE THAT THE CHURCH CANNOT DO WITHOUT.**

- a. WILLINGNESS
  - i. The faithful are willing to do anything there is to be done – 2 Cor. 8:12.
  - ii. Some will work unwillingly and complain and whine.

- b. The faithful are able to SEE:
    - i. Able to see the needs and possibilities.
    - ii. Many never see any needs or possibilities.
  - c. The faithful are OPTIMISTIC – they believe it can be done and are willing to help do it.
  - d. They are BOOSTERS – they boost the work all the time.
  - e. They are LIBERAL GIVERS.
    - i. Stingy people never build a strong working congregation.
    - ii. 2 Cor. 8: 1 – 5; 9: 6 – 8.
- V. **CONCLUSION**
- a. Are you one of those people the church cannot get along without?
  - b. Are you a “*joy and crown*”, or a source of anxiety and sorrow?

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