SOME PEOPLE THE CHURCH CAN’T DO WITHOUT

INTRODUCTION:

1. The people I am talking about are the faithful – this should be EVERY member.

2. These people are a DELIGHT in every congregation.

3. They are a “JOY and CROWN”… Phil. 4:1

4. The church can’t do without them.

I. THE LORD DOES NOT REQUIRE GREATNESS OUT OF US, BUT HE DOES REQUIRE FAITHFULNESS. II Cor. 5:7; Gal. 5:22

1. We are to be faithful stewards. I Cor. 4: 1 – 2; I Pet. 4:10

2. Christians are to be faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10: 21 – 22

3. The gospel is to be committed to faithful men. II Tim. 2:2; Jude 3; I Tim. 6:20
   (1) Timothy was faithful. I Cor. 4:17
   (2) Paul kept the faith. II Tim. 4: 6 – 8


II. IN WHAT ARE CHRISTIANS TO BE FAITHFUL?

1. They are to be faithful in ATTITUDE.
   (1) Right attitude toward the authority of Christ. Matt. 28: 18; Eph. 1: 22-23; I Pet. 3:22; I Pet. 4:11
   (2) Right attitude toward false doctrine. II John 9 – 11; Gal. 1: 6 – 9; I John 4:1; Ps. 119: 104
      a. The line must be drawn sharply between truth and error. Gal. 2:5
   (3) Right attitude toward men who preach the truth. Gal. 4:16; Tit. 1: 9 – 11
   (4) Right attitude toward members. Heb. 13:1; John 13: 34 – 35
   (5) Right attitude toward the worship, (some worship by a clock).
(6) Right attitude toward preaching to the lost. Mk. 16: 15 – 16

2. They are to be FAITHFUL in putting the kingdom first. Matt. 6: 33

   (1) Put it before SELF. Lk. 9: 23
   (2) It must come before LOVED ONES. Matt. 10:37
   (3) It must come before the DEAD. Matt. 8: 21 – 22
   (4) It must come before PLEASURE. II Tim. 3:4

3. They are to be faithful in Bible study.

   (1) II Tim. 2:15
   (2) Heb. 5: 12 – 14
   (3) They attend Bible study classes.

4. They are to be faithful in LIFE.

   (1) II Cor. 6: 14 – 17; Rom. 12: 1 – 2; Tit. 2: 11 – 12
   (2) Matt. 5: 13 – 16; Phil. 1:27

5. They are to be faithful in PRAYER. James 5: 16

   (1) I Thess. 5:17; Lk. 18:1; I Tim. 2: 1 – 8; I Pet. 3: 12; I John 5: 14 – 15

6. They are to be faithful in ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLIES.

   (1) Heb. 10: 24 – 25

7. They are to be faithful in TEACHING OTHERS. Acts 20:20; 5: 42; 8:4

   (1) Matt. 28: 19 – 20; II Tim. 2:2; I Pet. 3:15

III. HERE ARE SOME OTHER TRAITS THESE PEOPLE HAVE THAT THE CHURCH CANNOT DO WITHOUT:

1. WILLINGNESS

   (1) The faithful are willing to do anything there is to be done. II Cor. 8:12
   (2) Some will work unwillingly, and complain and whine.
2. The faithful are ABLE TO SEE.

   (1) Able to see the NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES.

   (2) Many never see any needs or possibilities.

3. The faithful are OPTIMISTIC – they believe IT CAN BE DONE, and are WILLING TO HELP do it.

4. The faithful are BOOSTERS – they boost the work all the time.

5. The faithful are LIBERAL GIVERS – stingy people never build a strong working congregation. II Cor. 8: 1 – 5; 9: 6 – 8

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you one of those people that the church can’t get along without?

2. Are you a “Joy and Crown”, or a source of anxiety and sorrow?

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