Urgent Needs in the Church Today
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INTRODUCTION
1. There are many problems and needs in the Lord’s church in our time.
2. Let us study some of these urgent needs.

I. MORE OPEN HEARTS AND FEWER OPEN MOUTHS
1. All conduct proceeds from the heart -- Prov. 4:23.
2. "Let every man be swift to hear" -- James 1: 19.
5. Prejudice closes the heart to a true consideration of the facts -- Matt. 13:15.
6. If the heart was made right before the mouth was opened, most church problems would cease to exist -- I Pet. 3:10 - 11; Prov. 21:23; 11:13.
7. Many people meet every question with an open mouth.

II. MORE KNOCKING ON DOORS AND LESS KNOCKING ON EACH OTHER
1. The Great Commission demands that we busy ourselves in taking the gospel to others -- Mark 16: 15 - 16; Matt. 28:19 - 20.
5. 2 Tim. 2:2.
6. Knocking each other will cause us to destroy each other -- Gal. 5:15.
7. Knocking each other stirs up strife and confusion and every evil work -- James 3:16.
8. Those who go around knocking others have a bigger problem most of the time than the people they are knocking:
   (1) Matt. 7:1 - 5
   (2) Luke 18: 9 - 14
   (3) Luke 15: 25 - 32

III. MORE SOUND HEADS AND FEWER SORE-HEADS
1. Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the church in which we have a greater need for men sound in the faith with wise judgment.
3. Many times today the voice of the wise goes unheeded and the voice of the foolish take over.
4. If this is done, it always brings division and destruction, as it did in the days of Rehoboam.

IV. MORE SEED-SLINGING AND LESS MUD-SLINGING
1. The task of sowing the seed of the Kingdom is so great that it should leave no time for the slinging of mud at a brother.
2. The fact that we have the whole world as our foe should draw us closer together -- I Pet. 1:22; Eph. 6: 12 - 17.
3. We should be united in love -- I Cor. 1:10.

V. MORE SACRIFICE OF SELF AND LESS SACRIFICE OF OTHERS
1. There are plenty members of the church who are willing to sacrifice the other fellow:
   (1) His money.
   (2) His Time.
   (3) His talent.
2. Sacrifice should begin at home:
   (1) Luke 9:23
   (2) Rom. 12: 1 - 2

VI. MORE STANDING FOR THE FAITH AND LESS FALLING FOR THE FANCIFUL.
1. Jude 3
2. Phil. 1:17
3. Truth never changes, it is fixed and unalterable -- Eternal.
4. The church has always been hurt by those who have a desire for what is different and fanciful.

VII. MORE CONCERN FOR DIRECTION AND LESS CONCERN FOR SPEED
1. In the work of the Lord the great question is not, "How fast are we traveling?" but, "Which way are we going?"
2. All speed is not progress . .

VIII. MORE PROFIT FROM THE PROBLEMS OF YESTERDAY AND LESS BLINDNESS TO THE PITFALLS OF TOMORROW.
1. The problems of yesterday will always be the problems of today and tomorrow.
2. The wise profit from the past -- fools never do.

IX. MORE BLESSINGS COUNTED AND LESS SELF-PITY
1. Look at your blessings . .
2. Self-pity will only make you miserable -- Phil. 3: 13 - 14.

X. MORE GOOD IN OTHERS AND LESS OF THEIR FAULTS
1. We see what we look for -- Luke 18: 9 - 14.

XI. MORE BEING WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE US BE AND LESS HYPOCRITICAL
1. Gal. 6: 1 - 5
2. Rom. 2:1; Matt. 23: 27 - 28

XII. MORE OBEYING THE GOSPEL AND LESS EXCUSES
1. The Devil can help you find all kinds of excuses for not obeying God.
2. All of these excuses will send you to Hell.
3. Today is the day of salvation -- 2 Cor. 6:2

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