

**TELEVISION MESSAGE FOR
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PART 1 - "PEOPLE, THE CHURCH COULD DO WITHOUT"
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Thank you, Melvin

Dear telecast viewers, thank you for your regular contributions and support of the Lord's weekly telecasts. It is through your generosity that we are able present this first of a two-part sermon message entitled, **PART 1 –“PEOPLE, THE CHURCH COULD DO WITHOUT.”**

Some may say, "We need every member of the body of Christ," and the Church needs the help of everyone. While that is true, the Lord needs the help from all those, whose hearts are right, and those willing to put their shoulder to the Gospel Wheel in progressing the Lord's work forward.

Proverbs 5:23 says it best, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." The importance of the heart is stressed throughout the Word of God. It is from the heart that the mouth speaks. We as a child of God are only able to keep our hearts with all diligence through the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Jesus Christ describes it this way in Luke 6:45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth fruit that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

Therefore, with this in mind, there are people whom the church would be better off without. Paul said in Philippians 3:15-18, "Let therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded God shall reveal this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto, we have already attained let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ."

If one is an enemy of the cross, he is an enemy of the church, and the church would be better off without such enemies. We hope and pray none of you come under this category.

Now let's focus on the eight kinds of people, whom the church could do without. First: The Church Could Do Without..."Unfaithful People."

Sometimes we read an obituary in the paper, which says, that the late person was a member of a particular church. And someone may say, "That's certainly a surprise to me, I never saw him in church."

He probably never paid his tithes, was never involved in God's work, and maybe was never baptized, according to Acts 2:38. Consequently, the church does not miss him, neither does the congregation, and one may conclude that he was unfaithful.

The way to be a good witness is to be faithful. Many cannot sing, preach or teach, but every single one of us can be faithful. Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

That's where the reward comes in. Revelations 2:10 also says in part, " Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Second: The Church Could Do Without..."People Living Sinful Lives." Instead of being role models to the world, they bring reproach to the church. Any member, who lives in sin, hurts the church.

An unbeliever wants an excuse for not being a true born again Christian. He wants to justify his sinful ways. Thus, he measures himself by one, who is not living the life and says, "I am as good as that church member; therefore I must be right." We are the only gospel the sinner will read. And they look for Jesus Christ in the way we live our life.

Jesus Christ said in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

A witness is a person who sees something happen and therefore can say truly, it did happen. A witness is also one who testifies on behalf of another. When a man is on trial, a lawyer can bring in a character witness to testify on behalf of his client and both the client, and the case is benefitted from the testimony.

Well, Jesus Christ needs witnesses and the best ones are those whose lives testify to His saving grace. For by grace we are saved, it is the gift of God. Thus, television viewers, if you are a member of God's family and there is sin in your life, your testimony counts against Jesus Christ and His Church.

Therefore, the Apostle Paul tells us how to live a good Christian life in Colossians. 3:5-10, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry; for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy communication out of your mouth. Note: Profanity seems to occupy the order of day in these times we are living.

Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds. An have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

Therefore, put off all evil desires. No church member is perfect, but each can try to live a good life and glorify our Father, which is in heaven.

At this time, let us pause here and go to "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God." Yes, television viewers, we need the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, as Jesus Christ describes in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Reading on in John 3:3, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." The word, "again," is inserted because God knows we were born once of our physical parents. Jesus Christ says in verse 7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Being, "born again," may sound strange to you. To explain this, let's see what the Bible has to say.. .for God's Word is very realistic. It teaches that no one can gain entrance into Heaven by good works, as explained in Titus 3:4-5, "After that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

There is none righteous, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Our personal experiences teach us that we all have broken God's laws, and have not done the best we could do.

We, by nature, are described as being "dead in trespasses and sins, alienated from the life of God, or as having not life." Just as a body without physical life is declared physically dead, so a person separated from the life of God is described in the Bible, as being Spiritually dead.

Being dead in trespasses and sins, we cannot hope to enter into Heaven. We need new lives, cleansed from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ, and we need to be restored to fellowship with God.

We must be born into a new life. We must be born again. Jesus Christ came to bring us this new life as He says in John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

This means full joy and true happiness. When we are born again, we receive new life in Jesus Christ, which is happier and fuller than the life we had before.

We cannot bring about new birth by our own efforts, any more than a baby can cause its own conception. Rebirth is a new, Spiritual start that God initiates and completes. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus.. .and apart from the Spiritual rebirth, we remain outside of God's family.

The essence of being born again is addressed in John 3:5, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

To be born of water is to be baptized therein.. .going down into the water, being buried in water, and then coming up out of the water. This is the Lord's way of being born again. The definition of the term baptism is to dip, to plunge or immerse. Therefore, sprinkling or pouring water over a person is not correct according to God's Word.

To be born of the Spirit refers to being baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in the unknown tongue, to signify according to the Bible that you have received the Holy Spirit.

The instructions in Acts 2:38 approve the true baptism, "Then Peter said unto them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is confirmed in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

We find that, 1) The name of the Father is Jesus...He said in John 5:43, "I come in my Father's name;" 2) The name of the Son is Jesus...Matthew 1:21 says, "Thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins;" and 3) The name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus as confirmed in John 14:26, "...Whom the Father will send in my name."

According to God's Word, Jesus Christ is the only saving name. There is only one name, one baptism, one faith, one body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one God, and Father of us all.

Let us now return our focus to today's sermon topic...

Third: The Church Could Do Without..."People Who Emulate Others, and Strive For The Highest Position." Nothing is more repugnant as politics within the church, with members jockeying for position and prestige.

Many who are not able to receive recognition, quit the church because they refuse to take any insignificant position. Someone said, there are four great articles in the Christian's Creed, one of which is "Humility."

Keep low and humble at the foot of the cross, and in due time the Lord will lift you up.. ."For the way up, is down." The disciples had a dispute about who should be the greatest

in God's Kingdom. Jesus rebuked them in Matthew 9:33-37, "And he came to Capernaum, and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way.

But they held their peace: for the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, if any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me."

Jesus Christ always hears our words, and also knows our every thought and move. He implies, "You must be simple, teachable and trustful...Do your best for Him in humble assignments, and you won't have to worry about promotions."

Fourth: The Church Could Do Without..."People With Destructive Criticism." There is constructive criticism and there is destructive criticism. When one feels there is something wrong in the church, and thus calls members aside to offer criticism, that is destructive criticism.

When another having the same feeling, first seeks out the Pastor or leader, and then takes it to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer, we can conclude that to be constructive criticism. Church leaders, as well as the congregation, are not perfect, but neither is anyone else. Why should anyone talk about the splinter in someone else's eye, when there is a piece of timber in his or her own eye?

Matthew 7:3-5 teaches us this truth, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye: and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye. Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote of thy brother's eye."

Someone said that church membership is composed of four kinds of bones. 1) The "Wishbones," who spend their time wishing others would do the work. 2) The Jawbones," who do a great deal of talking, but little else. 3) The "Knucklebones," who knock everything other members are trying to do. And 4), The "Backbones," who get under the load and do the work. "Which kind of bone member are you?"

Fifth: The Church Could Do Without..."People Who Are Gossip-mongers." The Bible says that the church will always have this kind of people.

James 3:5-6 explains it this way, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature: and it is set on fire of hell."

Like a spark, the tongue can cause great iniquity and mischief. It can stain one's whole body and affect the course of nature, which influences our very lives.

Such people pick up a little gossip, roll it under their tongues a few times, enlarge it and send it on its way via phone, letters, email, etc. Well, if someone does wrong, what should we do? Should we remain silent and pray about the matter?

Paul gives us the solution to these questions in Galatians 6:1, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

Verse 2 addresses the burdens such as sorrow, misfortune, etc., which can be shared, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Verse 5 speaks of the personal burden that cannot be shared and is painful to bear, "For every man shall bear his own burden."

The term restore in Verse 1 also means to "reset," like the resetting of a bone by a surgeon. Thus, when someone does wrong, seek to restore, rather than tear down...We must pull up, and not push down.

Sixth: The Church Could Do Without..."People Who Say, It Can't Be Done."

The church is no place for pessimism. Always maintain a positive attitude towards God's mission on earth. What He has promised to do, He will do. A prime example occurred with the dedication of our Branch Church in President Roxas, Mindanao, Cotabato, Philippines.

As usual, the "knockers" who said, "How can these poor people build a church? They don't even have enough to feed themselves." The Saints, who believed in the reality of a house of worship, were persecuted but kept their faith, and petitioned the Lord in daily prayer to provide the needs for construction of their church.

Through it all, the believing group worked, and the unbelieving group stood by saying, "It can't be done." After eight months, the building was completed. All the workers, who put their shoulders to the task, were rewarded, even as the "knockers" stood aside to the very end, murmuring and complaining.

The President Roxas Branch Church was filled to overflowing on the Day of Dedication, Saturday, April 22, 1995. This once in a lifetime event enabled the Apostolic Faith Church in Hawaii to have its second branch church outside the boundaries of the United States, thus fulfilling another significant historical milestone.

The contractor for the complex was our own Bro. Clifford Soares, who headed the construction without compensation. The work he did was fantastic and awesome and the pessimists received the shock of their lives. Therefore, never say, "It can't be done," for

with the Lord, all things are possible. He owns all the gold, silver, and cattle upon a thousand hills.

Seventh: The Church Could Do Without..."Lazy People."

An ox and a mule worked together. One day the ox decided that he would not go to work. Therefore, he remained in the barn. That night he said to the mule, "Did the boss say anything about my not working today?" The mule answered, "No, he didn't say anything, but I noticed that he had a long talk with the butcher on the way home."

God does not use lazy people. Checking the Bible, you'll find that He called only busy people into His service, to preach, to teach, and to pray. To get something done, don't ask one who is idle or lazy; ask a busy person to do it instead.

Proverbs 19:24 provides this exhortation, "A lazy man buries his hand in the dish, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth." Just imagine being too lazy, even to feed oneself. Certain people are too lazy to come to church; to attend prayer services, and to get involved in the Church Choir, Orchestra or Band, etc.

Jesus Christ tells us to work while it is day; for the night cometh, and man can work no more. We should work hard when we are in the prime of life using our stamina, for the time comes when our energy and strength will be cut off by old age. Learn to work and, especially, learn to work with others.

II Thessalonians 3:10 advises us by saying, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." The Lord Jesus Christ is expecting us to do our best for Him. So when we see Him in Heaven, we'll hear Him say, "Well, done My good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Eighth: The Church Could Do Without..."Overly-Sensitive People."

There are certain people who are mature in age, have good common sense, and yet, we are forced to "walk on pins and needles," lest we say something that will hurt their feelings. We can say the same thing to 100 people, and 99 will be all right with it, but the one overly sensitive person will become angry.

James 3:1-2 addresses the issue saying, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

We all make mistakes and no one is perfect. However, there are some in every congregation, who carry hurt-feelings and do not ask the Lord to help them get over it. At times, some will not come to church because their feelings were hurt as a youngster.

Let us serve the Lord Jesus Christ daily, seeking to overcome those things of the past, and striving to do our best to become, **"People, the Church, could not do without,"** which is our title for next week's second half, of this two-part sermon.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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