

Preacher's Pen points

Six Things You Can Do To Build Up the Church



All of us who attend here are interested in building up the church here; and all of us can have a part in doing this. Consider six things each of us can do to build up the church.

TRY TO DO SOMETHING THOUGHTFUL FOR SOMEONE IN THE CHURCH EACH WEEK.

The Bible is filled with exhortations to love one another (Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2). Pick out someone who could use an act of love and show you care. Such acts remind us that we are God's family.

SPEND SOME TIME IN REAL BIBLE STUDY BEFORE YOU GO TO BIBLE CLASS EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT TEACHING IT.

The best Bible class you will ever be in will have two features. The students will have studied so as to be able to relate to the things the teacher is saying. The students will be able to share their own thoughts about the lesson studied and prompt thoughtful discussion. Such preparation generates interest and excitement which will be appealing to the outsider and encouraging to all of us.

GIVE GOD THE VERY BEST QUALITY WORSHIP YOU CAN GIVE.

All of us can help build up others by worshipping in spirit and truth (Jn. 4:24). This involves true concentration and uninhibited participation. Services where everyone worships meaningfully will not soon be forgotten either by Christians or visitors! Your enthusiasm will encourage others to be more enthusiastic as well!

LOOK FOR EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

Don't ever forget we are in the soul-saving business (Mt. 28:18-20). Tell someone this week about one of our teaching efforts. Give them a helpful article or tract or a copy of a tape or CD, invite them to services, to browse our web site, to come to a Bible class. Take the opportunity to discuss spiritual things with others!

PURPOSE TO PRESENT EACH DAY AS AN OFFERING TO THE LORD.

If only we could wake up each day with the recognition that we have a fresh day, a new start, an untarnished record. Presenting our bodies a "living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1) will give a light to the world to guide them to the truth (Mt. 5:14-16, 1 Pet. 2:12).

ASK A FELLOW-CHRISTIAN TO JOIN YOU IN SOME SPIRITUAL TASK.

Perhaps we have overlooked the wisdom of working "two by two" (Lk. 10:1). It is encouraging to work with others. When we share in spiritual work we build a sense of fellowship with others. Paul spoke in fondness of his "fellow-laborers" in the Lord (Phil. 2:25). So can we!

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

Everyone can imagine the good of one person doing these things; but think of the impact when all of us do them! Let each of us accept the challenge of doing what we can to build up the church!
—Johnny Felker