

Building up the Church

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Introduction

1. Text Acts 20:32
2. Everyone who loves the church is interested in the strength of the church.
3. The church, as individual, can be weak or strong. Revelation 3:15-26
4. A strong church must be built. It is not an accident neither is it a gift. It is the results of desire determination and deeds.
5. What will it take to build up the church here in Gray?

II Discussion

A. First negatively

1. Not necessarily numbers. Gideons army Judges 7
2. Not necessarily amount given.
3. Not sensationalism, gimmicks, committees, more programs, or fun and games

B. Strong Bible Teaching and preaching.

1. The word of God must be preached. 2 Timothy 4:2
2. Only the word of God will save us. Romans 1:16 Acts 4:12
3. It is able to build us up. Acts 20:32

C. Christian living on the part of every member.

1. We are the lights of the world. Philippians 2:15
2. We are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13
3. We need to sperate ourselves from the world. 2 Corinthians 6:17

D. Congregational warmth and love.

1. This is how we show others we are disciples of Christ. John 13:34
2. Helping one another go to heaven. Galatians 6:1
3. When a visitor comes in among us what is the feeling they get?

E. Compassionate hearts.

1. Helping others is what we are to do. Galatians 6:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:13
2. We are to love our neighbors as our self. James 2:18

F. Evangelistic fervor.

1. Read Acts tell me the emphases of the church then, it was on soul winning. We are too concerned with who is doing what that we are doing nothing. Acts 5:42;8:4
2. We must be about our Fathers' business. Luke 19:10

G. An "I want to serve" attitude.

1. We all need to be ministers. Galatians 6:2; Luke 22:26; Matthew 20:25-28
- 2 Most of us want others to serve us.

III Conclusion

1. We need to be strong. I hope that we are all working for a strong church here in Gray.
2. Are you where you can be strong in the Lord?