

What Every Church Needs

Introduction:

1. There is a role for each person in the body of Christ to play.
2. A stagnate church is a church not pleasing to God.
3. Let's have fun with this lesson and find out what we need to do to be an active congregation.

Discussion:

I. Puny Preachers.

- A. The need for preachers (Rom. 10:14-15).
- B. He must be a preacher that practices humility (Phil. 1:1; Rom. 1:1; II Pt. 1:1; Rom. 12:3).
- C. A puny preacher's emphasis will be on the Word of God and His glory (I Cor. 9:16-18; II Tim. 4:1-5; I Peter 4:11).

II. Dirty Deacons.

- A. The need for deacons (Acts 6:1-7; I Tim. 3:8-13).
- B. Dirty deacons must have their hands hard at work – getting dirty (Jn. 6:27; Acts 6:7).
- C. Dirty deacons must express love (I Jn. 3:17; I Thess. 4:9-10; I Pt. 1:22).

III. Stinking Shepherds.

- A. We must have shepherds that smell like the sheep (Acts 20:28; I Pt. 5:1-4).
- B. The shepherds must be among the sheep (I Tim. 3:2; II Tim. 2:2).
 1. The single minded theory.
 2. Elders are simply servants of servants.
- C. What do stinking shepherds get to look forward to in the afterlife? (I Pt. 5:4).

IV. Mad Members.

- A. Consider Acts 26:24.
 1. The members of Christ's Body need to be like Paul.
 2. Why was he considered to be mad?
 - a. Paul was simply preaching the gospel.
 - b. Paul was known/judged for his teaching of Christ.
 1. We need to be mad about gaining as many souls for Christ as possible (Rom. 9-10; 1:14-16; Acts 26:24).

Conclusion:

1. Does every church need these things? Absolutely!
2. Let's be the servant of God that He calls for us to be!