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I. About Jesus church I believe.
   A. These Things.
      Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourself
      Eph. 5:25 "Husbands love
      Acts 2:47 "And the Lord added to
      1. We see a purchased church, intended to be
         holy yet made up of men.
      2. As long as that lasts the church will
         always have needs—human, not divine.
   B. I'd like our needs to complete a good
      triangle as we look up, look in, and look
      out so that it will not be necessary for
      us to look & be drawn down!

II. We need to look up to God—in the holiness of
   worship.
   A. To be sure He supplies every gift—but lets
      single out what we can do for Him!
   B. Let me illustrate with the Holy Perfume of
      1. First define worship.
         a. Carries thought of dog to a master.
            1) Snowball begged no bones, asked no pat,
               just wanted to lick hand and look up
               with eyes—that's worship.
      2. In His worship God had perfume.
         a. There were specified ingredients.
            1) Stacte (stak'tē)—gum that readily
               burn and emits much smoke.
            2) Onycha (on'-ī-ka)—perhaps claw of a
               shellfish—when burned gave strong odor.
            3) Gal'banum—resembles asafetida gum from
               plants—unpleasant when burned alone—
               yet brought out scent of other spices.
(4) Frankincense-- came as gum from tree.
b. Mix in equal weights.
c. Made after art of spothecary-- was careful art, not rude or unscientific but the very best.
d. Always on hand-- supply ever present.
e. Was exclusively God's.

C. What lessons do we gain?
Rom. 15:4 "For whatsoever things were
1. There were specified ingredients.
Heb. 8:5 "See that thou make all things
a. We dare not change God's pattern today.
b. The external ingredients we knew-- name some internal ones.
(1) Remembrance. in times past Gentiles
Eph. 2:11 "Wherefore remember that ye being
(a) Where were you without Christ?
b) Focus mind on Him.
(2) Gratitude.
(a) Socrates said was the greatest of all virtues and the basest of all vices.
(3) Reverence.
(a) Absence of cynicism, flippancy. We today humanize Deity and deify humanity. Espc. priest went to tavern on Sat. night to "meet his parrish"
Jazz Mass-- Thee or You to us
Ex. 34:8 "Moses made haste
Ps. 33:8 "Let all the inhabitants of The world stand in awe of Him
(4) Amazement. (a) He's called "wonderful"
(b) "I stand amazed in the
2. Our worship should be carefully "made" in art.
3. It should be constant—supply always there.
   a. To miss Wed. nite is a spirit that can damn you.

4. It's God's. Not piano 'I like it' attitude
   a. Reserve solely for him.
   b. He alone is due worship.
   c. Idolatry seeks to displace God, make him secondary. 
      Isa. 42:8 "I am Jehovah, that is my name"
   d. It's for his pleasure and glory not sensuous as in music or eloquence as in words.

III. We need to look in to ourselves.
   A. These needs are there:
      1. Most effective educational program.
         a. Jesus most identified teacher.
         b. Said "Go teach"—Possum story
         c. John 6:45-46 It is written in the prophets
         d. Are our teacher's trained? Best methods?
            Is he interested and challenged?
            Physical condition of room? How many schools are going up?
            (1) If we make it 2nd rate no wonder the secular looms larger and larger.
            (2) Gas man says "Fill her up?" Can we have less ambition.

2. Capable Leadership.
   Eph. 1:22 "And hath put all Made Him to be head.
   a. Better men in pulpits—as level of America rises. Duties of a preacher most complex. None of you agree on what's most important for him to do.
   b. Better elders. — See clip
(1) Not Bible to revolt against judgement--only the unscriptural. Stroop said we are
(2) Exempt from slander. More int. in sinner than saint are
(3) Let's plan ahead.
(a) See Jack Lewis Clip.
(b) Man insured cigars clip.
   a. Do we have church in every nation? State?
   b. Do we believe those out of Christ are lost?
IV. We must Look out to others.
   A. 1st we must individually be right.
      Prov. 17:24 "The eyes of the fool are in 1. "Reform thy church--begin with me"
      2. You are important.
      a. One toenail in capacity whole body.
         I Kings 22:8 "There is yet one man
         Rom. 12:6 "Having then gifts differing
      (1) Let us all different ones
   B. When we are right others are easily won.
      1. If they see your love, care

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Richard Bailey 5/28/61
Kinsley Kan. 8/21/61
Chapel 11/2/61
Delrose, Wichita 3/25/62
Lee Ann Johnson
4 yrs. old
John Glenn - One c haircut
John Kennedy - WPO
pointed authority when the issue is not a question of right and
wrong, but is merely a matter of judgment. The Lord exempted
the elder from the slander of idle tales by demanding that an
accusation must have the confirmation of two or three witnesses.

Whether the preacher moves or stays, which song book is used,
which mission field is aided, where the church building is put,
what color it is, who builds it, and how much it costs are all mat-
ters of judgment. While an elder would not wish nor try to run
rough shod over the wishes of the people, neither should they
revolt at the judgment of the elders. They should give the elders
full support and cooperation in every good work.

III

The church needs a more aggressive mission program. A
friend recently asked if we had a congregation in every nation.
I do not know what it would imply if we did. The commission
is to preach to every creature. The answer to his question is
that the gospel has not gone to all the states—not to mention na-
tions. Despite our very dedicated brethren in the field, the
church is still bunched up in Tenn., Ky., Ark., Texas, and N.
Alabama. Once you get out of this area the congregations are
mighty thin and our influence is pathetically small. Take a map
and pin point all the congregations out of the continental U. S.
It will not take you long. Do we really believe those out of
Christ are lost?

IV

You are the greatest need of the church today. While it is
easy to get excited about things far away, and thus we become
fools with eyes in the ends of the earth (Prov. 17: 24), we really
need to look closer home. An ancient Christian used to pray,
“Lord reform thy church beginning with me.” When Peter be-
came lost in the future of another, the Lord brought him back to
reality by saying, “If I will that he tarry until I come, what is
that to thee, follow thou me.”

Regardless of how lowly and unimportant you may appear
in your own eyes, when you are not all you ought to be the en-
tire church suffers. (1 Cor. 12: 26.) Just as a toothache or an
ingrowing toe nail can incapacitate the whole body, so one mem-
ber—even you—can make or break the church. The real prob-
lem of the church today is each of us individually with our hap-
hazard methods of service to Christ.

The church needs you giving your body a living sacrifice.
This is the greatest gift you can make. The church needs you
with an undivided mind. It needs you no longer serving two
masters.

The church needs you with a knowledge of God’s word which
will enable you to turn the power of temptation with “It is writ-
ten.” Your senses need to be exercised by reason of use to
choose between good and evil, just as the trained musician can
choose between good and poor music. The church needs you
with a knowledge of what you believe and you fully committed to it. It needs you able to teach others, that you may commit the word to faithful men and they then will teach others also.

More than anything else the church needs you. It needs you willing and able to stand for the right regardless of what others may be choosing. In Germany after the war men were asked why they did not resist Hitler. They replied, “I am just one man.” But this is the basis on which God operates. “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Josh 24.) “There is just one man,” said Ahab. That is the one you can control—for it is yourself. The church needs you condemning the world by your example as Noah did in his wicked generation.

The church needs you rendering the service you should. The Lord called men to many services. While some were sent into all the world, one fellow was forbidden to go around with the Lord, but rather was sent home to tell his friends what the Lord had done for him. “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that was given us, let us use them.” (Rom. 12: 6.) How the church needs your time, your money, and your ability! We are too willing to watch what others are doing.

The church needs the love you ought to have toward your brother. To love one another is the new commandment of the Lord. The presence of that love is the test by which all men can know whether we are the Lord’s disciples. Yet note all the jealousy, suspicion, divisions and quarrels among us to determine who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Note the files that are kept full of scandal just ready to break when the advantageous moment comes. How we need a love that suffers long, yet not at all that sentimental mush that will allow a brother to go on to hell unwarned. How we need a love that will listen to admonition!

The greatest need of the church today is need that you alone can supply. The church needs you! Will you give it?

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The human leadership of the church during the apostolic age may be divided into two classes. On the one hand was a group of leaders who have been designated by the title charismatic officers (from charismata, extraordinary powers). These are so named because they were marked by the possession of extraordinary powers imparted by Christ through His apostles. It is to this class of leaders that Paul an-
Lorenwald, Tennessee
May 29, 1961

Dear Brother McIndoe:

Yesterday, my sister (Hattie Blount) and I attended "West End Church of Christ" and enjoyed your "sermon" very much. You mentioned in it, the wonderful way that the elders and deacons were doing. Please do not omit their wives. Between place and the regular worship, two lovely ladies came to us and introduced themselves and made us feel most comfortable. We always feel welcome in the Lord's House. One of them brought her husband (an elder) and a deacon and introduced them to us. We were so pleased with the entire service.

You also mentioned the vital need of an education and training program in the Church. So I am sure you will enjoy this true story of 14 year old granddaughter of Marvin Patton, 6th Ward Team. He is a teacher in the Church of Christ, and someone gave his granddaughter a typewriter and
her father told her that she must get rid of that baby opossum and she said, "I can't," and her father said, "Why can't you?" and she said because Granddaddy teaches that the possums will go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature and I can't get rid of it, Jesus wouldn't like it."

I invite you to visit the "Church of Christ" here at Bennett sometimes.

Sincerely,

Alice Rasbury
Man insured cigar for good sum. Smoked them & then applied for fire loss. Insurance paid & then sued him for arson.

This happened in June in San Fran.
1. Heart
2. Rest - Penury
3. Procrastination
4. Laziness
5. Duty vs Love (Quotes Religion)
6. Complexity of Complicity & Complication
8. In Our Dualism Power
Hour Sat. 21, Sun. 22 July

Jim Dohy told a
disgusting lie trouble
in Texas. He stole.
The judge said "what
Church?"
"Church. Christ"
"Don't they steal
you need to steal"
"No sir never said
 anything about it—
They just teach the
Bible."

Hour Monday 23 July

Hour Tuesday 24 July

The more ideas a man has the fewer words he
takes to express them. —Uncle Esek