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# Congregational Sins

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CONGREGATIONAL SINSPhilippians 2: ~~9~~ 16

Paul could brag on few congregations. In love with this one Reason: Did more than rigid requirements. More than had to.

INT: Little pleasure in doing just duty. Lk. 17:10. Demanded. Joy is in ~~eliminating~~ little sins; missing the mark.

I. SUCCESS IN ANY FIELD IS IN DOING MORE THAN IS REQUIRED.

- A. Successful laborers not the clockwatchers. Overtime men.
- B. Successful families not the "duty" watchers. Go 60 - 60.
- C. Successful students give school extra time and work.
- D. Successful Christians do more than just attend services.
- E. Moses condemned the act, Christ prescribed right thinking, which produced right spirit. Matt. 5:43-44.

II. SOME PROMINENT CONGREGATIONAL SINS. Missing the high mark.

- A. Do not sing only, sing intelligently. I Cor. 14:15.
  - 1. Can't sing right until understand all the words.
  - 2. Can't concentrate properly until can forget mechanics.
  - 3. Can't worship with everyday cares burdening mind.
- B. Do not just pray, pray fervently. James 5:16.
  - 1. Concentration absolutely necessary. Eyes closed good.
  - 2. Silence is the foundation of concentration.
  - 3. Cannot reach Heaven while thinking about the earth.
- C. Do more than just give to the Lord's cause. Enjoy it.
  - 1. Giving is a must, like work, but your attitude toward it makes the difference in your returns. II C.9:7.
  - 2. There are some good reasons that we should give cheerfully.
    - a. We have received so much undeserved help. fully.
    - b. Our giving assures continued assistance. II C.9:6.
    - c. When see the need, glad to help. Matt. 28:19-20.
    - d. Remember someone helped us first. Grace. I J.4:19.
- D. God expects more than a ceremony in the communion. M. 26
  - 1. Difference in the form and the spirit. I Cor. 11:26.
  - 2. Spirit not in it while farming, having date, etc.
  - 3. Danger is in frame of mind while communing. I C. 11:27
  - 4. Note writing, whispering, gum chewing disgraceful!!!
- E. God intended more than association; fellowship. A. 2:42.
  - 1. Basis of fellowship. I John 1:7. Oneness in truth.
  - 2. Purpose of fellowship. Heb. 10:24. Strengthens all.
  - 3. Fellowship is the seeing and bringing out the best that is in us all. "I work with the best".
- F. Read the Bible, but with a purpose. Don't miss the mark.
  - 1. Remember: Is God's Word. Infallible. Does only good.
  - 2. Remember: Helps only if applied to reader. Heb. 4:12.
  - 3. Remember: It is my roadmap to my future home: Heaven.

INV: God's family the happiest. Admission is obedience. B-R-C-B