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Essentials and Non-Essentials

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Too often men do not appreciate blessings they have. INT: Prophets all yearned for blessings we take for granted. Some indifferent. Others miss joys because of ignorance. Misunderstanding of essentials and non-essentials to blame.

A. "Go" is the command given to the disciples.
   1. The essentials involved.
      a. Motion and action. Cannot stay in one spot.
      b. Go in person or go in supporting those who do.
   2. The non-essentials or expedients.
      a. How to go. By rail, air, boat, car; foot etc.
      b. When to go. According to conditions. Favorable.
B. "Preach" or "teach".
   1. The essentials involved.
      b. Spirit in which to preach. II Timothy 2:24.
   2. The non-essentials or expedients.
      a. How to preach: place. Pulpit, radio, room, class...
      b. How to preach: method. Blackboard, chart, movie...

A. "Believe" is the command given to all sinners.
   1. The essentials involved.
   2. The non-essentials of faith.
      a. Word come from preacher, radio, paper. Still word
      b. No certain time given. First opportunity best.
B. "Repent" is the command to all sinners.
   1. The essentials of repentance.
      a. Produced by godly sorrow. II Cor. 7:10.
   2. The non-essentials of repentance.
      a. Where one repents. Not in church building only!
      b. No formal time to repent. Do so when see wrongs.
C. "Confess" is the command to all sincere seekers.
   1. The essentials involved.
      b. Who is to confess regulated. Each his own mouth.
   2. The non-essentials of confession.
      a. When it is done. Do it as soon as possible.
      b. Crowd is not essential. Philip and eunuch.
      c. Can state views or answer question about faith.
D. "Baptism" is the command to all believers.
   c. Going because want to. Dunking otherwise.
2. The non-essentials of baptism.
   a. Running water, still water. Dirty or clean.
   b. Hot water, cold water or just right water.
   c. Place: River, creek, baptistry, bath tub etc.

III. THE ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.
A. "Music" is commanded of all worshippers.
1. The essentials of the music.
   a. Made in the heart to the Lord. Eph. 5:19.
   b. Singing, teaching one another. Col. 3:16.
   d. Be directed to the Lord, in praise. Not empty.
2. The non-essentials of church music.
   a. Any good, truthful, gospel song. Not told.
   b. Any pitch just so it can be sung. I Cor.11:40.
   c. With or without leader as need it. Stand or sit.
   d. When to sing not given, just so have some. How much?
B. "Communion" is commanded of all worshippers.
1. The essentials of the Lord's Supper.
   a. Done by Christians only. I Cor. 11:24.
   c. Use unleaven bread and fruit of vine.
   d. Discern or remember Lord's body and blood. Spirit.
2. The non-essentials of the Lord's Supper.
   a. Time of commemoration not given, time of day.
   b. Order in the worship service not given. 1st-last.
   c. One big cup or several small one. Cup is contents.

INV: Most essential thing of our lives is that we be ready when God calls His faithful children home.
Attend carefully to essentials and not bother about the non-essentials too much. B-R-C-B. R-P.