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Congregational Pride, Respect

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II Cor. 9:1-5.

INT: Your speaker often in same spot as Paul in A. D. 60.

Actually he worked both ends against each other!

II Cor. 8:1-5 Macedonia. II Cor. 9:1-6. Achaea.

He was encouraging congregational pride (respect).

Why? Preferred to enjoy compliments rather than to endure the miserable pain of mediocrity.

I. WHAT ABOUT CORINTH COULD PAUL BOAST ABOUT?

A. Zeal for the generous Christian life. Vs. 1.
B. Zeal for promptness in doing the job. Vs. 2.
C. Zeal to set an example for others to follow. Vs. 2.
D. Eagerness to prove self worthy of the name—Christ.

II. SOME COMPLIMENTS I HAVE PAID WINNEWOOD HILLS.

A. Lesson to encourage you, lest we be ashamed. 3-4.
B. Most places where I hold meetings, people say: "When next in Dallas, we'll be out to see you and to visit this wonderful congregation!"
C. Believe: In Lincoln's very wise comment:
   I like to see a man proud of the place where he lives, and
   I like to see the place where a man lives proud of him. (I try to represent you well.)
D. Some compliments I feel are justly given you!

1. Her SINGING is inspirational and spiritual.
   a. Brag on our leaders (about 9) all the time.
   b. Brag on our preparation—ACC graduates and not afraid to tackle any song in the book!
   c. Brag on our acoustics. Well designed for sing
   d. Try to fulfill: Eph. 5:18-20. John 4:24!!

2. Her GIVING in the main is inspiring & encouraging.
   a. Brag on % of some. 30%, 25%, 20%, 18%, 15%.
   b. Brag on maturity—level of most. After 13-wks of intensive study, raised giving very little
   Either, already giving real well to Lord, Or, 13 wks. intensive study not phase them!
   W. H. averages about $5 per member per Sunday, while other average $2 to $3. More blessed!

3. Her TEACHING program is inspirational & edifying.
   a. Many teachers, coaches, very-talented folk.
   b. Believe results are better than many — is as should be. More talent, better results exp.
d. W. H. has had highest % at Training for Service in the past. Hope to keep complimenting future.

4. Her LEADERSHIP is outstanding in many many ways.
   a. True each elder has his weak points, true of each deacon, teacher and preacher also. Working on!
   b. Have boasted that—in midst of liberalizing of American mind on Christian morals and ethics, our elders are unafraid of any BIBLE subject.
      Jack Williams: "Need more preaching on worldliness!!"
      Guy Freeman: "More preaching on divorce—save kids!!"
      Charles Ward: "Just preach WHOLE gospel—save souls!!"

5. Her YOUTH is outstanding at church, school & home.
   a. Sitting toward front. Denotes great attitude!!! Thanks
   b. More shunning evil companions—true, good, beautiful.
   d. Preparing for greater service in the kingdom, help when asked to. Seniors in V. B. S., other areas.

* INV: Sinner friend, like to be a part of a wonderful congregation like this? B-R-C-B.

Christian friend: You helping Wynnewood Hills' reputation and influence?
Part of the problem, or
Part of the solution??? Acts 8:22.

Identify? Come now.