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regarding the church. Christ.

Matt. 18:1-6

Never feel comfortable reading Bible: Matt. 22:14. 7:13-14
Matt. 18:3 to disciples. Luke 22:31-32 to Peter. 2½ years
Church too long doctrine-centered only. Poor Lives.
Many members CONVINCED, but few members CONVERTED.

 Defined: Convinced: Persuaded and satisfied.
  Converted: To turn to Christ altogether, wholeheartedly
  Convert: One who obeys without reservation.
Also need spirit-centered, and work-centered church.

Mission of Bible: Comfort the afflicted and Afflict the Con

I. BIBLE EXAMPLES OF THOSE CONVINCED BUT NOT CONVERTED.

A. King Herod. Mark 6:20. C or C?

NOW UNDERSTAND Matt. 22:14 better.

II. SOME MODERN EXAMPLES. You be the Judge!

A. Excellent Pre-school Bible school teacher. Started
giving daughter dancing lessons. Elders gave choice.
She quit teaching, church and Christ. Matt. 6:33.
B. New couple in Plainview, Texas. Met and said would be
in services Sunday. Didn't appear. Floor sander rented
$2 week days, 25¢ Sunday. Saved $1.75. Proud of selves.

Judas sold Jesus for 30 pieces. They for $1.75. C or C?

1. How much you sell Jesus for? Test: Be elsewhere
   for $1, $10, $100, $1,000, $10,000. Sell seat.
C. New preacher arrived. Missed some elders Wed. night.
   Thought sick. Went by one's home. Several cars. Stopped.
   Invited in to the 42 party. W. Texas. Coctail in Tenn.

III. THIRD EXAMINATION. You be the Judge again!

A. Jimmy Fowler. Irving, Texas. 17 yrs. Lead in Senior
   Play. Rehearsal set Wed. night. Asked Father, "Your
   decision!" Called director: "Can't come, tonight's
   my worship night!" Rehearsal changed to Thursday. C or C?
B. Sam Allen. Sonora, Texas. Church needed building.
   Depression. Whole membership didn't own $1,000.
   Went to bank to borrow $10,000. Refused. Said would
   write check, do as please. Notified, Ignored. Finally,
   "Come down and sign note." That's the day I began to
   prosper!" Don't want it for cattle, grain; GOD!!!
C. Guy Caskey tells this story about South Africa.
Heard of N. T. Christians way in bush country. B-R-C-B.
Went by car and foot through jungle and swamp.
Who preached gospel here? Blind man! Convert from
Dutch Reform church. Went same 80 miles blind! C-C?
Some of us won't go across the street!!! C or C???

D. II Corinthians 8:1-5. Three outstanding thoughts.
1. Gave during great trial of affliction. v. 2
2. Gave out of deep poverty. v. 2
3. Gave beyond their power. Possible? Sam Allen! V. 3
4. Gave themselves first. V. 5. All else converted too

INV: Jesus calls for converts today: altogether, whole-hearted.
Deny self: dancing lessons, $1.75 savings on Sunday;
.42 parties on Wed., only way enter Heaven. Matt. 18:3.

My friend: you convinced or truly converted? If haven't
been living in devotion of convert you need to
rededicate your life NOW while we stand and sing.

If you need to obey the gospel
you need to obey it NOW!

If you need to be restored
to God's love, you need
to be restored NOW!

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