

Building a Great Church Involves Work

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #5)

The Importance of Work

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”

–Acts 5:42, NKJV

What is Work?

- It is a set of actions and progressions towards a goal or a reward.

Why is Work Important?

- Work brings progress/growth.
 - (Acts 2:42-47)
- Work brings profit.
 - “In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty.” (Proverbs 14:23)
- Work achieves goals.
 - (Acts 5:42)
- Work brings unity.
 - (Acts 4:32-35)
- Work is required.
 - (2 Thessalonians 3:7-14)
 - (Matthew 28:19-20)



Your Personal Work

“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

–Romans 12:5, NKJV

Your Work is Important:

- It is important because of the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
 - Each member is a part of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
 - Members of the body suffer together. (1 Corinthians 12:26)
 - Members of the body rejoice together. (1 Corinthians 12:26)
- It is important, because your work is unique. (Romans 12:3-8)
 - Unique means “one-of-a-kind.”
 - All members do not have the same function. (Romans 12:4-8)
 - Each work is great because of the unity. (Romans 12:4,5; 1 Corinthians 12:12)
- It is important because other people need you.
 - The lost (John 4:34-38)
 - Weak members (Romans 15:1; Galatians 6:1)

Questions about your personal work:

- Are you willing to work?
- Have you worked on your own spiritual life?
- Have you worked toward the saving of souls?

The Congregational Work

“Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul...”

–Acts 4:32, NKJV

The Unity of Work Makes Christians:

- Fellow workers (Philippians 4:3)
- Fellow citizens (Ephesians 2:19-22; Philippians 3:20)
- Fellow heirs (Ephesians 3:6)
- Fellow servants (Colossians 1:7)
- Fellow soldiers (Ephesians 6:10-20; Romans 6:13)

What Should Your Work Involve?

- It must involve commitment:
 - To God. (Acts 3,4 – note Acts 4:19)
 - To each other. (1 Corinthians 12)
 - To the lost (Acts 16:9, 10)
- It must involve actions:
 - Actions of personal growth. (2 Peter 3:18)
 - Actions of helping growth. (Acts 18:24-28)
 - Actions of the purpose. (Luke 19:10; Ephesians 3:10-11)

Questions about the congregation's work:

- Is your work, or lack of helping or hindering the congregation?
- Is your work, building or shrinking the congregation?