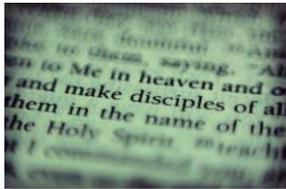


Some Thoughts to Ponder

It is certainly a privilege and an honor to be serving as one of the ministers at the Collinsville church of Christ. Our congregation has an impeccable reputation in the St. Louis/Metro East areas and throughout the brotherhood. So much good has happened here and continues to happen here. It is my prayer that the beacon of light that has been shining forth from this place will become even brighter. The church has climbed to high heights, but we want to climb to even higher heights for the Lord and His cause.



This congregation is at its current place because of the hard work and dedication of brothers and sisters, who in times past, have sacrificed and given of themselves to help this church grow. As we continue to move forward in this period of time, it is my prayer that the church will continue to make great spiritual strides as we all strive to keep the toes of the congregation pointed in the right direction.

You may be asking, "What can I do to help our congregation grow and become an even brighter light for the Lord?" Well, I am so glad you asked.

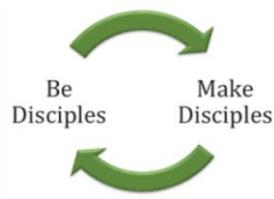
First, each can pray that the Lord's will is done. It has been said that the church is just one generation away from apostasy. This is why we need to pray for our work, our leaders, and all of our families. Prayer can change things, situations, and people. Paul encouraged Timothy to teach the church to pray for all men (1 Tim. 2:1).

Second, we must all make assembling together a priority. When one or more is missing from the assembly, it hurts the entire body. When the physical body is missing a body part, it hurts and it is also noticeable. We encourage members to attend services because it is a time to collectively worship God, and a time to receive the spiritual nourishment we need. Sunday and Wednesday evenings are not about mere numbers, but about souls. We all need our souls strengthened through our assembling together. If you are not attending Sunday and or Wednesday evening services, why not give them a try? You will discover the more you are feasting on the word of God, the better equipped you will be to face the upcoming problems of life.

Third, we must work together to fulfill Jesus' commission of seeking and saving the lost. Several individuals have attended the Methods & Motivation Evangelism classes and have become energized about evangelism. Several members have already conducted studies and others now have the confidence to initiate conversations with others. When we all think evangelistically and use the talents God gave us for this great work, wonderful things will begin to happen and doors will be opened by the Lord. Are you making plans to attend one of the sessions? The classes will help us to begin thinking evangelistically and what role we can play to help bring lost souls to Jesus.

Fourth, we must keep teaching our children and the younger generation. The generation responsible for helping get this congregation where it is today is slowing going on to their reward. Hebrews 9:27 continues to ring true as one generation arises and another lays down their spiritual weapons of war. We need the young generation to pick up the mantle and begin preparing the church to move into the next phase of existence. [Continues in issue 23]

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