

Building a Strong Congregation

Introduction:

1. People have many different ideas of what makes a strong congregation.
2. Some people think a congregation is strong because of a strong social emphasis.
3. The Bible provides 7 key areas to emphasize in building a strong local congregation.

Discussion:

1. Strong Bible _____ and _____ (*Ac. 20:32; 2 Tm. 4:1-4*)
2. Exemplary _____ (*Ph. 1:1; 1 Pt. 5:2-3Ti. 2:2*).
3. _____ on the Part of Every Member (*Ti. 2:11-12; Ro. 12:1-2; Ep. 2:10; 4:1, 17; 5:2, 8, 15; Mt. 5:16; Ph. 2:14-16*).
4. Congregational Warmth and _____ (*Ro. 12:10; 1 Pt. 1:22; 1 Jh. 3:18; Jh. 13:34-35; 1 Jh. 2:8-11*).
5. _____ Hearts (*Ga. 6:1-2; 1 Pt. 3:8-12; Jude 21-23*).
6. An Attitude of _____ (*Ti. 2:14; Ro. 12:11; Mt. 20:20-28*).
7. _____ Factor (*Ac. 5:32; 8:1-4*)

Conclusion:

1. As the church continues to function, let us not lose sight of the fact that the strength depends on us as we depend upon the Lord.
2. Each of us need to endeavor to do all we can to lend as much as we can to this congregation so it will:
 - a. Continue to grow and mature
 - b. Stand for the truth
 - c. Glorify God