

THE CHURCH IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT

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*Once we receive the Holy Spirit, everything changes. We are now part of God's kingdom and everyone has a spiritual responsibility. We all have a job to do which requires a completely different mindset than what we started with. The first question is... what does God want me to do; **not how do I fit God into my list of priorities.** Every person who makes up the spirit filled church is fully equipped to build it up and make it work better. **1COR 6:19** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Our duty is to teach and encourage people to make Godly choices.*

***Failure to take responsibility leads to negative outcomes. GEN 3:12** And the man said, The woman **whom thou gavest to be with me**, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The **serpent beguiled me**, and I did eat. Adam and Eve are a perfect example of the outcome of choices. Eve blames the serpent, Adam blames God. The garden of Eden was similar to the church... our choices turn it into a blessing or a curse. God had a lot more to offer than what Adam and Eve chose to accept; the church is no different because you are the church.*

*The Holy Spirit is our tree of life. **ROM 8:2** For the law of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of **sin and death** (the tree of selfish choices (natural knowledge), always leads to failure).*

*The 3 voice gifts of God's power are also part of our spiritual food... talking to us and through us. **1COR 14:3** But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. **&12** Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Feed each other and be fed by each other from the tree of life. We all have equal access to the same spiritual food, but the choices we make determine how much blessing God is able to pour out on us. The choice is always ours.*

*No need that any man should teach you. **JOH 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. We are all given the same spirit with the same awareness of right and wrong and good and evil. The spirit will lead us into truth by various means as we exercise the spirituals and serve one another... we will not go well if servitude is not our first priority. Our attitude to continuous fellowship is one of our strongest indicators of our willingness to serve God (whom you cannot serve outside of serving God's people and promoting the salvation message).*

*There will always be different points of view. We mustn't let Satan get the victory he got in Eden. The next few verses offer simple and essential practices for all saints. **LUK 6:46** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Disagreeing with each other is a lot less difficult than being in disagreement with God. The bible directs us on the Godly way to settle disputes... anything less is a failed option.*

***MAR 11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Many struggle, claiming their 'rights' at the expense of God's.*

***MAT 18:15** Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. If we are offended, it's our duty to fix it, or drop it.*

***JAM 4:1** From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? **&7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Claiming 'rights' that we don't have, always leads to divisions and failure. Those who fail to support the church God's way and serve God another way, or leave; usually end in scriptural disaster. Our families lives are worth much more than unresolved differences.*

***1JOH 2:18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. This is the ultimate betrayal against God and the church.*

*Your choices are your testimony. **2TIM 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5** But watch thou in all things, **endure afflictions**, do the work of an evangelist, **make full proof of thy ministry.** God has every problem covered.*