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Inward Engines v.s. Outward Sails
Eph. 4:14-16

Allow me to bring to you in
law, to-night, a message from Paul's
letter to the Ephesian Church as found
in the fourth Chapter. your general at-
tention being directed to verses 11-16. your
special attention requested to verses 14-
16, inclusive.

Verses 11-14 give us a directory
of the offices in the Church of Christ. This
will apply to any denomination for all
denominations must have unity of
spirit. They are like different members
of the body getting nourishment from
the same source although they occupy
different places in the body of Christ's
great Church.

These apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors, and teachers are for the per-
fecting of the saints. For the leading
of the Church members in to the know-
ledge of Christ into various degrees up to
a full grown man up to the measure
of the stature of the fullness of Christ
not a few to come to this but till we
all come in the unity of the spirit
unity of faith (gentiles and Jews) and
knowledge of Christ - to a perfect man
to a perfect Church.

If the chance to be different de-
nominations - different members
of the body of Christ it is still an
possibility to receive the life blood of
Christ - the great heart of the Church
pumps it to every part of the body
now in apposition to this grow

stature we may be children - ignorant - weak - tossed about by every wind of doctrine.

How Paul needs to walk our streets again! If he can't walk then again in bodily form, how I do pray that he may walk in us & remind us of the difference between inward engine and out word sails.

There are two classes of ships on the seas. Those with engines and those with sails.

1. Those with sails may go all right even against the storm if the sails are set right. But the fearful thing about the sail ship is that if there is no wind - if there is not some force working on it from without it can't go!

It may have good for storing orphans but it can't go for lack of outward propelling power.

2. But there are ships with engine hidden away down in their bowels. If the wind is contrary it only fows the fire in the furnace to make more steam. If the wind ceases the ship still goes on because there is inward power.

There are likewise only two classes of people. Those who depend on other people to make

them go. ⁽²⁾ And those who have
"go" within themselves

The first class may have the
gospel message for the multitude
who are dying for it and may
have ability to feed them but have
not got the get up and go spirit.

It will apply to all phases of
our church life. There are some
people in the church who left to
themselves would never begin
to think about getting ready to
start church or to Sunday school
if some body else did not come
and say go.

They may have the ability to talk,
teach, or preach but it would never
enter so much as their imagi-
nation that the ability was theirs
unless one of these "go-ahead"
people comes along and sug-
gests it.

You let all the people quit
saying Come to S.S. Come to night
service and we will soon have
a full church board.

The need of the church to-day
is "go-ahead" people. People
who have the engine within. They
are the ones who will not let the
church nor S.S. die but con-
tinually plead for its life.

Have you got up your sails
or have you the engine within.
Let me give you a word of en-

Couragement. This is a day of exchange. you can trade in four cents for an engine. Suppose you trade to-day. Then next week you will not be the one whom people will have to ask to religious services but you will be asking the other fellow.

With this attitude let us speak the truth in love. Thus acting we are fed in spirit so that we grow up into him in all things even Christ the Head of the church.

The Head of the church - that is the mind of the church, the high vision of the church, the thinking of the church, the great intelligence of the church.

"Henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine, but be a full grown - perfect man like the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

