

Joshua 24:14-26

24:23

I heard a popular song over the radio a few nights ago, and it went like this -

"I do not want to set the world on fire I just want to start a flame in your heart"

That verse has a great meaning to it if you will lift it out of its setting and apply it to the world to-day - The world is being set on fire to day by evil forces and to the destruction of innocent lives and valuable property - Ancient Btgo -

What we need to do is to start a flame in the heart of the world that will burn out the evils ^{do not you - understand to read 2:23} there is one institution whose property it is to start that flame - and feed it - the fuel - that will feed that flame is church loyalty in the sense

that first we are loyal to the head
of the church Jesus Christ -

It is somewhat difficult to
be loyal to a person or insti-
tution which does not deserve
your loyalty - It is done tho
in family relations and other-
wise.

A husband does not live as
he should but you will see
the wife loyal - that is a fine
spirit.

now take the church - some do
not attend it because they feel that
it does not show them enough
attention. That is the wrong
basis - so long people have asked
"what can the church give me?"
instead of "what can I give the
church?"

I dare say that there are people
members of the church who will
tell you that they never attend be-
cause the ^{members} ^{are} ^{not} ^{very} ^{helpful} ^{to} ^{them}
~~in~~ ^{There} ^{come} ^{to} ^{see} ^{the}

I will convey to you that there are
scores of members in whose home
I have never been - members with
no address given - I ask about
them and will be told - that they
are to line at 201 N. - I will go
then and they have moved and
present resident does not know
where - just scores like that.
I can't possibly visit all whose
address I have - I asked Dr.
Franks the other day if he had
some miraculous way that he
could visit his members - he re-
plied that he could not visit
all the sick let alone the well
ones -

This thing happened - I found a
man who was member of this church
B4. he married he lived with his mother
~~about time I came here he married~~
Jan 1841
and moved to another address - I
visited the mother - thought I had
visited family - He does not attend
church - He would tell you that it is
because PC had not been to see
him - Some time ago I went to see
him but he has not come to ch -
I found that he keeps his place

aged on Sunday & make a
dollar - Has not been to church since I have
been here
Don't be deslaid because
the P.C. Can't come to see you
~~on every day~~ I am busy all the
time - Take an item 1104 sermons
per year - 312 besides 156 prayer
meetings talks - now be honest
if you had made 468 talks in
this church - lost 3 years
what would you talk a next
Sunday? Don't feel hard at
me or the deslaid to the church
when our little man can't get
around every month or so to
see 1350 members -

Close to be a spring waiting
to absorb all the time and be-
come a battery that will give
and some power to run the
machinery - next.

The church at whose altar
you were christened as a baby
in whose S.S. you were trained
in the Bible, at whose altar you
were anointed, at whose altar
you were married and down
whose aisle you will be

brings an young, lost trip to
the 14th - deserves your loyalty -
it deserves it because they said
that you might have the church -

"The Church is an anvil that
has worn out more hammers than
any other anvil known to man"
yet it goes on even tho the
knocking has not ceased -

now let us see how loyal we
are to the church -

1. In time - we have 168 hours
per week - How many hours do
you devote to the church? I want
you to begin visiting in your
neighborhood and talk the church
ask people to attend - Christ ex-
pects - ask people with whom you
work -
2. Money - Here is where we strike
fire - I want to show you how
we are sacrificing for the church
I have some figures as our
Dist. for our last preaching
meeting, we have 13800 members

Red notes —

Take our own church — we have
a roll of nearly 1400 but we count
that we have in round numbers
about 1000 —

Our budget is ~~around \$179~~
last year for salaries — Benev-
olentals — S.S. literature — Song
books — W.S.C.S. — War B/1383 —
Average of a cake a day
would be \$18250⁰⁰ — That would
pay our entire budget — pay off
our entire church debt — and
pay \$1800 salary to an assistant
pastor and leave \$67⁰⁰ —

get these stewards we will have
to have meeting from now till
Nov. to get what we lack
on our budget —

☞ I put de it —
I think I can —

meekly wait & murmur
not —

this year budget

Salaries etc	3500.00
S.S.	430.00
Payroll	480.00
Welfare	300.00
Wheeler	480.00
Miss Howard	120.00
Incidentals	500.00
	1849.00
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