Meeting Our Individual Responsibilities Without Practicing a Social Gospel

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INTRODUCTION

- Do we choose to be deliberately different? I would honor the Bible and say, "No, we choose to be deliberately biblical."
- We have certain things that God has commanded we, me, I as an individual to do that is different than what he's commanded the church to do.
- The church's noble purpose is to save souls. The church's noble purpose is to do things of a spiritual nature, not a physical nature.

1 View Hospitality as Non-Negotiable

Romans 12:9–13; John 6:33–35; Acts 2:42

- Felosenos in its original word means love of the stranger or love of the one that's visiting to us.
- I have the responsibility as an individual to view my hospitality with them as non-negotiable.
- And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."
- In our culture, it's not normal for someone you've never met before to all of a sudden be someone you just befriended. That's different. That's unique. But it's Christian.
- In Acts chapter 2, they use the phrase breaking of bread in two different senses.

2 Offer Scriptural Solutions Rather Than Complaining

1 Corinthians 16:1–2; Acts 11:27–30; Romans 15:25–26

- We need to make sure we offer spiritual and scriptural solutions rather than complaining.
- We don't have scriptural authority for it. But we do have scriptural authority to have a solution rather than complain.
- And so rather than complaining saying, "I don't have anything for the kids." Do stuff for the kids.
- There are plenty of men and women in the church that care about you, but we're not going to use the church's funds for something we don't have authorization for.
- The ways church funds were distributed were utilized in a very limited sense.
- But there was never, hear this, there was never a sponsoring church or in between church.

3 Don't Cling to the Comforts of Current Maturity

Hebrews 5:8–9; Hebrews 5:12–14

- For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God.

- But solid food belongs to those who are full age, mature, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
- Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to maturity.
- He makes the case for us that we've got to grow. We've got to become wiser and do a little more.
- Why not just do what we know we have authorization to do?
- We should only amen those things which God amens.

4 Do Not Conflate Missions, Outreach, or Ministry With Social Activities

Ephesians 4:11–16; 2 Timothy 4:1–5

- We need to not conflate the words missions or outreach or ministry with social activities.
- The purpose for that is for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.
- The context of the growth and development of the church is internal not external.
- I charge you, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing in his kingdom, preach the word.
- And physical things are not spiritual things. Neither is ministry social.
- The sad thing is people go into the world looking for a way out of the world only to go back into the world.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What if you're not a Christian? Is there a way for you to become one? Is there a way for you to become a child of God? There certainly is.**

MY NOTES