

“Willing Workers”

1 Cor. 15:58

Introduction

- I. There is a problem that is presenting itself in many congregations of the church of Christ.
- II. Some Christians are unwilling to serve and aid the local congregations of which they are members.
- III. The future of these congregations hinges on the willingness of those who will fill the void.

Discussion

- I. Every Christian is supposed to be a worker in the kingdom.
 - A. No child of God should refuse to be active in the Lord's work (1 Cor. 15:58).
 - B. There is always more work than can be done if there are workers willing to do it.
 - C. Sadly, most work in congregations is done by the same ones over and over again.
 1. What is going to happen when these people are no longer able to do the work?
 2. Am I willing to let the church suffer because of my unwillingness to work?
 - D. Each person should be able to find some work that he or she can do (Eph. 4:11-16).
- II. We need to start instilling in our young people the desire to work in the church (Eccl. 12:1).
 - A. The church needs young boys to become elders, deacons, and preachers (1 Tim. 3:1-13; 2 Tim. 2:2; 4:2; Titus 2:6).
 - B. The church needs young girls to become virtuous women (Prov. 31:10-31; 1 Tim. 2:9-12; Titus 2:3-5).
 - C. The church needs older men and women to be helping the younger prepare.
- III. Repentance should occur from those that are not working faithfully (cf. Israel of old; Deut. 28:47-48).
 - A. Refusing to serve is sin (Josh. 24:15).
 - B. We should be ashamed to shun working for our Lord (Col. 3:23-24; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
 - C. A change should happen now, not later (Luke 13:3, 5).

Conclusion

- I. How do you envision the church in the next generation?
- II. Are congregations thriving with willing workers, or are congregations dying for lack thereof?