

“Things That the Church Should Be”

Eph. 5:25-27

Introduction

- I. As members thereof, we should strive to make sure that the church is what she should be.
- II. If the church is lacking in some area, then the whole body is hurting (1 Cor. 12:14-26).
- III. Some focus on wanting a “nice” building, a large “youth group”, large attendance, etc.
- IV. There are things that the church should be, and it is important that we do not lose sight of those things.

Discussion

- I. The church should be known for it's love.
 - A. Love for God and neighbor (Mark 12:30-31).
 - B. Love for fellow members (John 13:34-35; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 3:14-16; Gal. 6:10).
 - C. Love for the truth (Prov. 23:23; Eph. 4:14-15; cf. 1 Tim. 3:15).
- II. The church should be known for it's loyalty.
 - A. We must fight against being indifferent (Rev. 3:15-16).
 - B. We must be loyal in attendance and service (Acts 11:26; Heb. 10:25-27; 1 Cor. 12:20-22; Eph. 4:16).
- III. The church should be known for it's evangelism.
 - A. What was the Lord's “mission” (Luke 19:10)?
 - B. We should be like minded (Matt. 28:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:58; John 4:35-36; Matt. 9:37-38).

Conclusion

- I. There are many ideas that people have about what the church should be.
- II. We must remain focused on being the church that the Lord wants us to be!