



In Your Hands - COUNTING DOWN - OR BUILDING UP!

- 10 **Little Church members** came to worship all the time,
One fell out with the Pastor, then there were nine.
- 9 **Little Church members** stayed up late,
One overslept, then there were eight.
- 8 **Little Church members** on their way to Heaven,
One took the low road, and now there were seven.
- 7 **Little Church members** all chirping like chicks,
One didn't like the music, and now there are six.
- 6 **Little Church members** seem very much alive,
One got "travelitis", and this left five.
- 5 **Little Church members** pulling for Heaven's shore,
One got tired and disgruntled, and this left four.
- 4 **Little Church members**, busy as can be;
One got her feelings hurt, and now there are three.
- 3 **Little Church members** and the story's almost done;
Two of them got weary and that left one.

Now everybody knows that **one** can't do much, but
one brought a friend last month, and now there are two.

- 2 **Little Church members** and each won one more,
Now don't you see, 2 + 2 = 4.
- 4 **Little Church members** worked early and late,
Each brought one and now there are eight.
- 8 Have you got the message, pointed and true?
Come folks, we've got God's job to do

For you see, these 8 church members, if they dou-
bled as before, in just 7 weeks they would have 1024.

*In this little jingle, there is a lesson so true,
You belong to one of the two.*

"Either the Building or the Wrecking crew".

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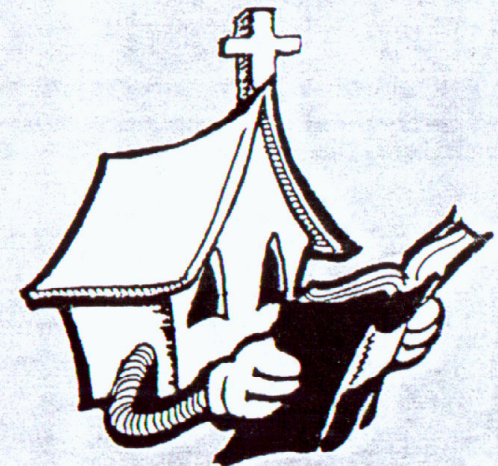


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Helps To Keep A Church On Course

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***"A Great Pastor Will
Build His Church,
And A
Great Church Will Build
Her Pastor."***

HELPS TO KEEP A CHURCH ON COURSE

1. **Pray for God to help keep you as a clean instrument in His Hands be sensitive to sin in your life.**

Psa. 19:12; Psa 66:18; I Cor.11:28

2. **Pray faithfully for the pastor and church leadership and church family.**

II Thess. 3:1,2; Eph 6:18-20

3. **Treat the pastor and leadership with respect.**

I Thess. 5:12; Hebrews 13:7

4. **Follow the leading of church leadership in the measure they are following and obeying God's commands.**

I Cor. 11:1; Psalms 118:8

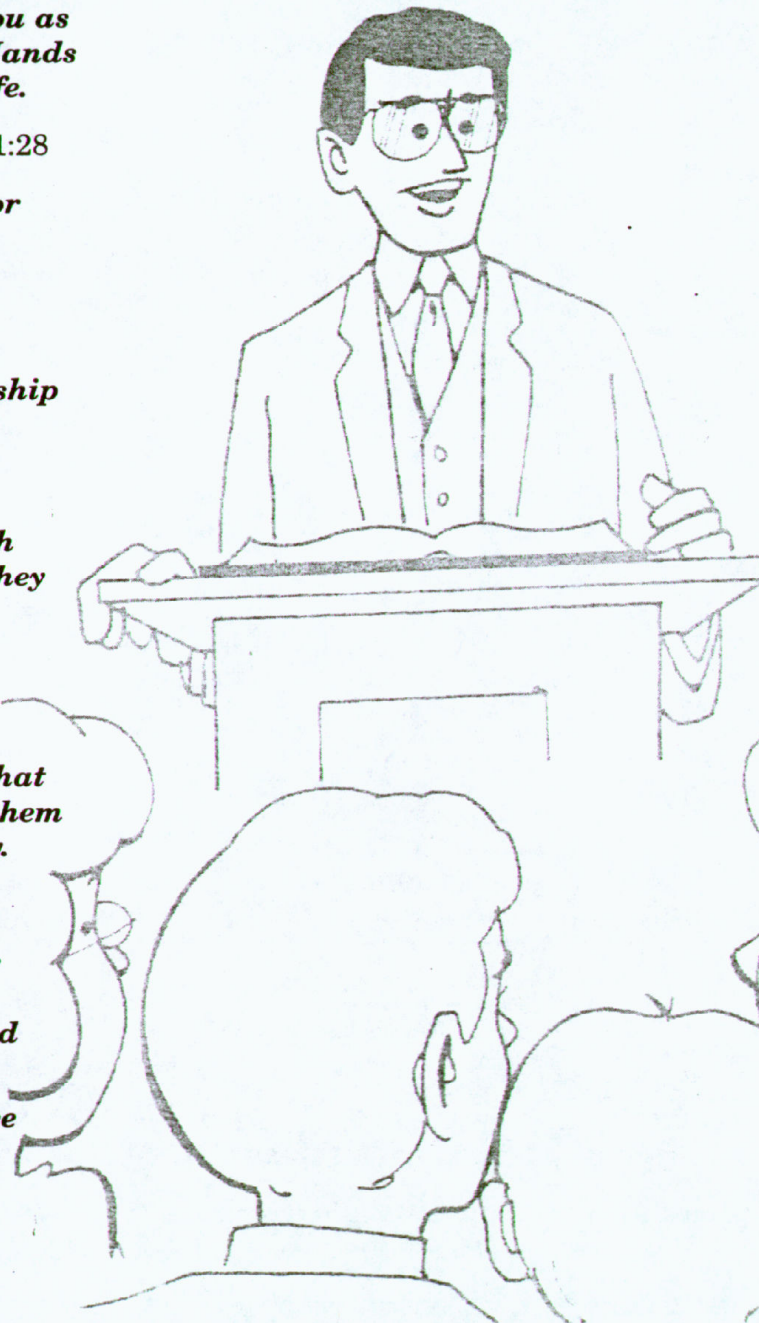
5. **Keep busy for God. Learn what your gifts are and exercise them to the fullest for God's Glory.**

I Cor. 12:1; II Tim. 1:6

6. **Refuse to participate in any secret meetings against the leadership of the church and refuse to sign any petition.**

Don't violate your conscience and church constitution.

I Tim. 5:19; Eph. 4:29;
Prov. 6:16; Psalms 1:1



7. **Learn to play the game of "cancel out" with critics within the church.**

I Sam. 19:4; John 12:1-8

8. **Become a soul winner leading people to Christ and down the aisle in a public confession. It can act as a stimulus to the church and become infectious.**

Prov. 11:30; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Matt. 10:32-33

9. **Set an example when entering the church by bowing the head and heart in prayer for God the Holy Spirit to work in the service.**

I Tim. 4:12; II Thess. 3:9

10. **Believe that even in a divided church, God can minister spiritually to your particular need.**

Jer. 32:27; Luke 18:27;
Eph. 3:20

11. **Thank God for the unwelcome church climate and accept it as a learning experience to help someone later down the road encountering a similar experience.**

II Cor. 1:4; I Thess. 5:18