

## **7 People Our Church Could Not Do Without:**

What are some things you can't live without? On the internet I typed in the question, "what are some things that people in Pa can't live without?" Here are the top answers.

1. Sheetz. 2. Clothing for all 4 seasons. 3. Football. 4. Salt. 5. Money for the turnpike. 6. Construction. 7. Lebanon Bologna. 8. Deer season. 9. Hiking. 10. The Philly Phanatic mascot of the Philadelphia Phillies.

What I want to do today is describe some people in the church we cannot do without. Jesus often spoke about the greatness of the church.

In Matt 16:18, Jesus said that when he builds his church, not even the gates of Hades shall prevail against it.

In Eph 5 Paul says that that Christ loved the church so much that he gave himself for her.

1 Peter 2:9 tells us about the special people who make up the church. Peter says,

"We are a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light".

Bye putting these passages together we learn how wonderful the church is. But I want you to know that there are certain kinds of people that the church cannot do without. Who are they?

### **(1) THE CHURCH Can NOT DO WITHOUT FAITHFUL PEOPLE!**

Nowhere in the Bible will you find anyone commended for their greatness or brilliance, but what you find is the Lord commending faithfulness!

We need people who are faithful servants of God.

In the parable of the talents, the master said to the servants, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, enter the joy of your Lord" (Matt 25: 21).

We need people who are faithful at helping others.

The Apostle John commended a church for this in 3 John 5. There he says, "Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, who have borne witness of your love before the church."

We need people who are faithful in proclaiming the gospel: (2 Tim 4:2). "Preach the word."

We need people who are faithful in the little things.

From the parable of the shrewd servant, Jesus said in Luke 16:10, ““He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much;”

In Rev 2:10, Jesus said, “Be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

## **(2) THE CHURCH COULD NOT DO WITHOUT WILLING PEOPLE!**

In Isaiah chapter 6, God asked Isaiah “Who shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah said, “Lord, here I am, Send me.”

## **(3) THE CHURCH COULD NOT DO WITHOUT PEOPLE OF VISION!**

A. Prov.29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish, but whoever keeps the law is happy.”

## **(4) THE CHURCH COULD NOT DO WITHOUT OPTIMISTIC PEOPLE!**

God wants us to see things not just as they are but what they can be.

Phil 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

In Numbers 13, Moses sent 12 spies into the land of Canaan. 2 of them said, “let us take the land at once for we are well able to overcome it” (verse 30). The other 10 responded saying, “it is just as God said, it’s a land flowing with milk and honey, but there’s giants over there.”

10 out of the 12 were looking for obstacles, but Caleb and Joshua, looked at the opportunity and said, "This is true, but God is on our side, and with His help we can take the land!"

Unfortunately, the pessimists won out! As a result, Israel had to wander in the wilderness for 40 long years to make an 11 day journey.

## **(5) THE CHURCH COULD NOT DO WITHOUT LIBERAL PEOPLE!**

To be Liberal means you must be liberal in the area of giving.

One day Jesus was sitting by the treasury! Mark 12:41. Many who were rich dropped in large amounts of money and they did it in such a way that everyone could see those gifts. Someone probably said, "Did you see how much Mr. Abraham gave?" “He must really love the Lord to give all of that.” Then came a woman who was a poor widow.

She slipped in some small coins and was probably very sorry that she could not give more! Nothing was said about her gift! But Jesus, who saw the woman and her gift, made her famous forever! Jesus said to the Apostles, you need to get over here. Do you see that woman? "She gave all that she had” Jesus measured her gift by what she had left over!

If you love the Lord, you don’t need to be afraid of giving too much! God will always out give you. Eph 5:25 says, “Christ loved the church so much that He--GAVE.

How much did He have left over? Jesus gave all of himself for us. That's what it means to be Liberal.

**(6) THE CHURCH COULD NOT DO WITHOUT Cheerful people:**

Have you ever had someone ask you, "Why are you so cheerful? What is it that brings us cheer?"

To a man who was paralyzed, Jesus said in Matt 9:2, "be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven."

In Matt 14:27, the Apostles thought they were goners. A storm was raging. Jesus walked on the water and said, be of good cheer, it is I, don't be afraid."

John 16:33, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. "

The church needs people who are cheerful. We need people who are out every day, in every walk of life telling others about the good times to be had in the Lord's church!

**(7) The church cannot do without spiritually minded people:**

Matt 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Who's the 8th person we can't do w/out as a church?

**(8) Our God! Really, it's 3 Persons in one.**

God our Father, Christ our Foundation/cornerstone, and Friend. Then there is The Holy Spirit who is the bringer of truth. Without the H.P we wouldn't have a Bible.

**Close:** Today I have given you 7 people the church cannot do without! Are you one of them?

Are you faithful? Are you willing? Do you have a vision for the church? Are you liberal? Are you optimistic? Are you a cheerful? Are you spiritually minded? Do you have God in your life? If you are all these things, I want you to know, the church cannot do without you.