

The Kind of People Needed in the Church

- Marines: 'a few good men'
- Gideon's army: few for different reason
- NT churches:
 - Ac.2 – 3000
 - Ac.4:4 – 5000
 - Ac.5:14 . . . 6:1, 7

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Evaluation

- *Illness.* 2 Co.13:5
- *Learning disability.* Hb.5:11
- *Souls at stake.* 3 Jn.2
 - *Pray this way for . . .*
 - *Rich man, Lk.12?*
 - *Ananias and Sapphira, Ac.5?*
 - *Diotrephes, 3 Jn.9-10?*

Attitude (mind)

Ph.2:5, *let this mind be in you... (attitude)*

- Focus: 1 Sm.2:27; 4:15; Mt.7:5; Ro.1:20
- Poverty of spirit: take maturity seriously.
Mt.5:3
- Humility: Lk.18:9-14
- Determination: Ph.4:13 (12)
- Self-examination: Hb.11:34

Time – Ac.17:11-12

- More noble: noble-minded (NASB). Receptive
- Than...Thes.: excellence, unlike persecutors
- Received: good and honest hearts are blessed
- Word: spiritual focus; go wherever God leads
- All readiness: eager to obey
- Searched: honesty + accuracy, not prejudice
- Scriptures: NOT past beliefs, present pleasure
- Daily: regular, prominent place in schedule
- Whether...so: *His* word, *His* way – accuracy
- Therefore...many of them believed

Time – Ac.17:11-12

- **Effect:** Ro:12:2, not conformed, but transformed
 - **Conformed:** be guided by (world's mold).
1 Pt.1:13-15
 - **Transformed:** be changed into same form (as Scripture) / (as Christ): 2 Co.3:18

Some prefer to change the word
than to let the word change them

- **Method:** renew the mind...
 - Read . . . Embrace

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II. People Who Compose The Church

1. Those who are redeemed from sin

- Ac.2:37-38, requirements
- Ac.2:41, reception
- Ac.2:42, resolution

This is the only material that
Jesus used to build His church

These people continued to live
for Him who died for us

2. Those who know God's word

- Mt.28:19-20
 - Church is in education business
 - Lk.16:8
 - Mt.7:24
 - (Ac.2:42) . . . 8:4
 - Ac.18:11
 - Ho.4:6

3. Those who pray regularly

- Ac.2:42
- Dn.6:10
- 1 K.20:40

While busy here and there, our children are gone, our friends...
church... soul...

4. Those who love and care for those in need

- Ac.2:44-45
- Our favorite 'tie'
 - Saved together, 38, 40
 - Sanctified together, 41
 - Studied together, 42
 - Sacrifice of praise together, 43
 - Served together, 44-45
 - Share Good News together, 47

5. Those who have great faith in God

- Ac.6:5
 - Faith gets us through
 - If we trust God's promises...why fear anything? (Acts 7)
- Hb.11
 - Each example emphasizes a particular feature of faith
 - There is no need, trial, persecution that faith cannot answer

5. Those who have great faith in God

- Mt.27:...41-42
 - Many look for God in specular ways...
 - Naaman, 2 K.5
 - Rich man, Lk.16
 - Christians, 2 Co.5:7