

Restoring God's House: Part 1

Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church
July 19, 2014 – Pastor Ron Schultz

Sermon Notes:

HSDAC Mission: To develop fully committed followers of Christ

Key Idea: As Christ's devoted followers, how we _____ for the things of God and His kingdom says a lot about what value we place on Him.

Life Changing Questions:

What is God saying to me through His Spirit and this message?

As a devoted follower of Christ, what is my present relationship to things of His kingdom? Is His kingdom really first in my life or am I playing church?

What changes do I need to make through the grace of God in my personal care for and investment in His kingdom and the things that belong to Him?

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. NKJV

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. NKJV

My Commitment

"Like living stones, [who] are being built into a spiritual house." 1 Peter 2:5 NIV

- I believe Jesus is coming soon and by His grace I commit to preparing to live in the presence of our holy God. (1 Thess 3:13)
- I want to partner with Jesus in developing fully committed followers (disciples) of Christ who will be ready for His return and commit to making God and His kingdom first in my life. (Matthew 28:19; 6:33)
- I desire to be a faithful disciple of Jesus by caring well for the things He has given:
 - Respecting my body as His temple. (1 Cor 6:19)
 - Respecting my fellow Christians who are living stones being built into His house of faith. (1 Peter 2:5)
 - Assisting with the care and upkeep of our house of worship -- our church building.
 - Creating a reverent, secular-free zone during worship in the use of my voice, conversation and use of phones and other technology/media.
 - Honoring God in my personal decorum in the church sanctuary (examples: picking up litter, maintaining it as a zone free of non-water drinks and food)
- I choose to make giving to God my first financial responsibility through returning my tithe and giving my offerings to our church.
- I commit to contributing to the restoration/repairs of His house of worship and by God's grace will give \$_____ in addition to my regular offerings.

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Accountant, 201 N. Oak St., Hinsdale, IL 60521

Restoring God's House – Church Repairs

After prayerfully seeking God's will and direction:

- I/We will give \$ _____ by
 - August 31 or September 30.
- I/We will give a total of \$ _____ over the next fiscal year (ends June 30, 2015).

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Note: According to church policy, only the treasurer/accountant, pastor and conference auditor have access to individual giving information.