

Heart For The House - 2

"For zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me." Psalm 69:9 NIV

Why do people struggle with the church?

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:10 NIV

THERE ARE 5 BARRIERS THAT PEOPLE NEED HELP TO OVERCOME:

1. THEY LOVE DARKNESS BARRIER.

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." John 3:19 NIV

2. THE IMAGE BARRIER.

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 Peter 2:12

3. THE CULTURAL BARRIERS.

"He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria." John 4:3-4 NKJV

"Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." John 4:9 NKJV

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" Matthew 9:36-38 NKJV

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:47 NKJV

4. THE PAST EXPERIENCES BARRIER.

"bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." Colossians 3:13 NKJV

5. THE GOSPEL BARRIER

"So, Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him." Acts 8:30-31 NKJV

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:9-10 NKJV

HOW CAN WE DO GOOD TO GOD'S HOUSEHOLD?

"Love one another" John 13:34

"Greet one another with a holy kiss." 2 Corinthians 13:12

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:9

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10

"Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

"Encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

"Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." Colossians 3:13

"Carry each other's burdens." Galatians 6:2

"Pray for each other." James 5:16