

The Ticket

- When the purpose of a thing is not understood, Abuse is inevitable. Example of the hammer
- Is it possible for all your needs to be met through the church family?
- Purpose of the class is to bring family to be involved in the family.
- What part do you play Why am I a Christian when I obeyed and still have problems?

What have you told someone else about the church?

How many was in combat in the military? Were you willing to give your life for your brother? If yes-why?

Relate this to the family of God.

Count on a family member on always being there.

God made us for great things, but we only change in proportion to the people we meet and the places we go.

Have you ever been challenged by people or by places you went?

This is one reason we must maintain relationships.

Take a minute to look around you and see someone you don't know and say hello.

To be an active participant in your family you must make a decision. A decision that you can **change**, be better than you are. Most people think they can't change. They assume the way they are is it; but Jesus changed all of that. Change is always possible.

Are you basing your change on your father's (God's) standards and some other standard? When you see yourself as the Father sees you change is inevitable, to be expected and anticipated.

You are adopted or grafted into the Kingdom of God when you accepted Jesus. This is because you have two heritages, one from the natural which came from your earthly family and the situations, surroundings and people that influenced your life. The other is a heavenly heritage from God the father. Your adopted father has prepared the best for you, which is called The Blessing. In the blessing is direction, purpose, fulfillment and the resources to achieve them. This new family is built on character, trust worthiness, faith, hope and love. There are specific lifestyles that must be adhered to in order to experience all the blessings of your new family. If you hold onto your our ways and heritage you cannot experience all the benefits of your new family. Remember you are a part of the new family because they accepted you; it wasn't because of your goodness or works.

The decision or choice comes here. Are we merely in the family of God or actively participating in the affairs of the family?

Repent – A change of mind

Change your season by changing your mind.

People are saved but don't know Jesus

You are a reflection of God your father.

God's family can be summed up in a nut shell as the sum of whole is greater than the parts.

In the Western society, family is the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. I can do my own thing and it doesn't affect anyone.

This Class is about making a decision or a choice to make a Maximum Impact in your life and those around you. To accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior was a decision. We decided to confess that Jesus died on the cross and he rose again from the dead and through that confession we received salvation. At that point in time you were grafted or adopted into the Kingdom of God. You joined the family of God. Now when you are adopted you have to make another decision or choice. This is because you have two heritages, one from the natural and the other a heavenly heritage from God the father.

The main question is this: since the time of our adoption are we trying to assimilate into God's family or are we fighting our new family wanting to keep our old ways?

To participate in family business we must know the father and how this new family is structured. One thing we do know is that he loves us and wants us to be an outward expression of himself. Therefore, love is high on our list. We know the world loves but to experience true love we are taught by our father. Love is not a feeling and words. Love is a decision and through that decision you are prompted to give because love gives.

Love is a lifestyle therefore giving is a lifestyle. It isn't something we put on and take off.

In the book of Acts It tells us the Church grew or the numbers of believers increased. The only way the church grows is that the number of believers increases. The believers became a family that had a lifestyle of love which prompted them to give. They gave to the point that no one lacked anything.

Acts 2: **42.** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the **breaking of bread and to prayer.**

43. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

44. All the believers were together and had everything in common.

45. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

46. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

47. praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 4:32. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

33. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

34. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales

35. and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

36. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement),

37. sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet

Proverbs 10:22. The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

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