

- B. Take advantage of the blessings the Lord has given (17:10-12)
The items mentioned were largely physical but the king receives them from God and honors the fact that the fear of God has become prominent in the land. God gives to us the blessing of fellowship, children, time to worship and serve, to say nothing of the spiritual delights He gives. When we accept and use these things for Him we are maximizing our usefulness. Unfortunately it is easier to complain sometimes than it is to say "Praise the Lord" but concentrating on the latter will make the former less obvious or necessary.
- C. Build a company of those who will serve the Lord (17:13-19)
The Lord builds the church, of course, but He uses our lives to touch others and to introduce them to spiritual vitality. Look for those who will follow you and help them to grow in faithfulness and devotion. As you fulfill your duties see that others are guided in the fulfillment of theirs.

III. Conclusion: As with any sort of team, the performance is best when every member knows, and does what is expected of him or her. Too many of us have assumed no roles in a fellowship (roles given by God) and are almost ancillary members. That does not build for a healthy body. Take your salvation seriously and search for the gifts or skills God has given you whereby the body may be benefitted. It is a great step in enriching the life of the fellowship.

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MESSAGE # 5: LET THE LORD SET THE STANDARDS

Biblical Passages: 2 Chronicles 19 et al

I. Introducing the Subject:

It is rather silly to say "let " with regard to the Lord...He sets the standards and does not need an affirmation from us. What I really mean is that we should recognize the standards He has set and they should become normative for us. That is the idea and this chapter in 2 Chronicles is ideally suited for that purpose. The king is a very godly man but he has made a big mistake. He will be rebuked for it by a brave prophet and he will show his character by accepting the