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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHAT I OWE MY HOME CONGREGATION"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**GUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAYS AT 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE.**

**OUR HOLIDAY MEAL WILL BE AFTER EVENING SERVICES TONIGHT**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Dec 17: Peyton Preston

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### **ELDERS:**

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### **MINISTER:**

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## **WHAT I OWE MY HOME CONGREGATION**

**(Ephesians 4:1-3)**

I. I owe it a good \_\_\_\_\_ in the community.

- A. Everything we do \_\_\_\_\_ on West Walker whether we like to think that or not
- B. Peter mentioned that the unbelieving spouse can be \_\_\_\_\_ by the lifestyle of the believing spouse (1 Peter 3:1-2).
  - 1. The same holds true for our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. We can have a hand in converting others by living \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We don't want to be those that turn people off to the congregation where we worship, and ultimately to the Lord, because of the \_\_\_\_\_ we act.

**II. I owe \_\_\_\_\_ to visitors to the worship services.**

- A. We should want visitors to feel at \_\_\_\_\_ when they visit.
  - 1. We want them to feel \_\_\_\_\_ so that they can learn to love us in return.
  - 2. If this happens those visitors will \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We don't know what can be accomplished with someone unless we \_\_\_\_\_ up ourselves to them.

**III. I owe regular and consistent \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. We all go out of town from time to time; What do we do with our \_\_\_\_\_?
  - 1. The truth is the \_\_\_\_\_ goes on whether we are here or not.
  - 2. The elders need to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ and they can't do that with a contribution that goes up and down.
- B. We are to lay by in store on the first day of the week as we've been \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 16:2).

**IV. I owe faithful \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. We show God how much we \_\_\_\_\_ Him by glorifying His name in worship.
- B. We edify and \_\_\_\_\_ one another (Hebrews 10:25).

**V. I owe support to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the congregation.**

- A. If the members don't \_\_\_\_\_ their plans with their time, effort or finances, those plans do no good.
- B. We should \_\_\_\_\_ for them and their families.

**VI. I owe persistent \_\_\_\_\_ in winning the lost.**

- A. The Lord's work was to save the lost and His work is \_\_\_\_\_ work (Luke 19:10).
- B. The way we do this is by \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel message with others.
- C. We know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lost.
- D. Evangelism is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a congregation.

**VII. I owe \_\_\_\_\_ to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.**

- A. We must make it a place where \_\_\_\_\_ are open and warm towards one another.
- B. We must be willing to forgive and forget any \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 18:15).

## What About Witnessing???

**J. A. Thornton, Deceased**

We hear much about “witnessing for Christ” in our present day. Even some of our brethren are taking to using it. The denominational world uses this expression to refer to “a special working of grace.”

A dictionary definition is in order. Webster’s Collegiate gives this: “Testimony, one who beholds or has personal knowledge of, to have direct cognizance of or to observe with one’s own eyes.”

The Greek word *martus* or *martur* is defined by Vine’s Dictionary of New Testament Words as: “to aver what one has seen, heard, or knows” or “to observe.”

Actual usage in the Bible is in Acts 1:8, 22; 5:32; 1 Peter 5:1. These are but a few. Each time the term is used in the sense of stating what one has actually seen or observed or has direct knowledge of.

Brethren who use the term do not use it in any of the above senses. I cannot bear witness of the death of Christ for I was not there. I cannot testify as to the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost because I did not observe it. I can pass on to others the testimony of Luke who wrote the Book of Acts. I can pass on to others the witness of the apostles but it is not my testimony. In other words there is a difference between reporting the testimony of a witness and bearing the witness. When I preach I am simply passing on to my hearers (at least I hope it is passed on) the testimony of those who were actual witnesses. We are taught to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). For this reason we should be extremely careful in using the expression “witnessing for Christ” lest we not be using it in the way the Bible uses the term “witness.” Let us speak as the Bible speaks then we can be sure of the message we bear.