

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

TO THE DEACONS

Feb. 6, 2006

We are making a concerted effort to do a right thing in a right way, to get better organized, and to direct our efforts towards more effective service to our Lord. Therefore, it is imperative that we stay in fellowship with the Lord so that we will be objective, relaxed, and enthusiastic as we work together as a team to tackle the challenges before us .

All ideas are welcomed. Some may seem odd or impractical, but they may help to trigger the final ideas or solutions that do work. We must not allow ourselves to become hypersensitive, angry, impatient, critical, or judgmental when we disagree with the opinions of others or when our suggestions are not accepted. This ministry is not about us, or about whether others agree with us, or about who gets the credit. It is about the Lord and doing things in a way that is pleasing to Him. Remember how the Corinthians' leadership degenerated into emotional arguments full of rancor and animosity? Such bickering and strife between believers always result in factions developing that eventually split up a church. Satan would like nothing better.

It is an honor and a privilege to be administrators of the Lord's business! We should carry out His business with enthusiasm. If we do not have the filling of the Holy Spirit, we will be less than enthusiastic about serving and this will deny men and angels the benefit of observing the joy that is ours in serving our wonderful Lord. Others watching the great pleasure we take in exercising our spiritual gifts will be encouraged and motivated to follow our lead.

Attitudes can be contagious, whether good or bad so we must not allow ourselves to become disinterested, disgruntled, or mediocre, because others may follow that example also. More importantly, the Lord Himself is watching us and we will answer to Him at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

You, our deacons, are our administrative leaders, and I have the highest expectations about what you are going to accomplish because you are some of the humblest, most teachable, faithful, and Truth-loving men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Thank you for your faithfulness in growing in grace and knowledge of the Word, and for your exemplary willingness to serve in the Lord's ministry here at Country Bible Church.