

INTRODUCTION: Many great questions have been asked by men at one time or another. Jesus asked many questions of men. Some have been answered, others have gone unanswered because men were not willing to answer ETC.

1. The Honorable John F. Kennedy in his inauguration address raised this kind of a question: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country."
 1. Many have refused that question because their question is: "What can the country do for me?"
 1. Some want better housing at government expense, better schools at government expense, larger hand-outs at government expense.
2. Many ways to make your country better:
 1. You can vote for better laws, be better parents, encourage your children to be better children, assume your responsibility as a good citizen and encourage others do like wise.

A GREATER QUESTION FOR CHRISTIANS: "Ask not what your church can do for you, but ask what you can do for the church."

1. What some are doing:
 1. Some are asking the church to entertain their young people.
 2. Some are looking to the church for get-togethers and socials. Look upon the church as a sort of social club.
 3. Some ask the church to visit them even to the neglect of visiting those who really need to be visited.
 4. Those who expect and demand these things do not have the mind of Christ because: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.. Mark 10:45. When you have this attitude you ask:
2. What can I do for the church?
 1. You can visit the sick, the distressed, old people, new comers, erring children of God, prospective Christians. Gal. 6:1; James 1:27.
 2. You can offer helpful suggestions to the elders and offer to help them any way you can. You can pray for the preacher and offer to help him. You can feed the hungry, clothe the naked (James 1:14-17). You can send a card to some absentee, study your Bible.

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