

A SWARM OF BEES...CHRISTIANS.

Ephesians 4:28

1 ¹Thess. 4:11, 12

2. Thess. 3:10, 11

THE SOURCE OF POWER: WHERE IT IS;

1. WORKING BEES

1. It is not a matter of organizing the bees in a single hive into several groups, or several committees with a drone at the head of each committee
2. The bees do not come in each morning to consult mother Queen bee as to what work they can do that day. What flowers to go to today. What approach shall I make to the flower.
3. Each bee must seek his own flower and bring in his own burden of honey.
 1. Bees that will not work are soon pushed out and destroyed. 2 Thess. 3:10
 2. Idleness is still the devil's workshop.

2. WORKING CHRISTIANS

1. The trend today seems to be away from individual responsibility and participation toward "church responsibility."
 1. In this way we hold a mass of people responsible for the work that needs to be done rather than to roll up our sleeves and getting in the work individually.
 2. We are prone to look upon the church as some sort of an organization with a "BUDGET" and a "PROGRAM", capable of somehow relieving us of all work
 3. WITH THIS VIEW OF THE CHURCH CHRISTIANS COMPLAIN:
 - (1) "They never give us anything to do.
 - (2) It really is not "their" job to parcel out the work.
 - (3) Christians should seek and find work to do as the busy bee seeking the flower for the honey
Acts 9:36-43 Tabitha-Dorcas works

3. A SURE ROAD TO SPIRITUAL DEATH

1. When we transfer all the work of the church to the "program" and "budget" we have robbed the individual of the joy of service and the church is going to die
2. For a lack of work many have gone back to the beggarly elements of the world. Might have been saved.

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