

### WHAT THEN?.....

On graduation night, a father asked, "Son, what are your plans?" The boy answered, "Dad, you know I'm going to college." The dad said, "That's right, **but what then?**" The boy replied, "Well, I'll want to get a good job, and hopefully get married." The dad said, "That's also fine, **but what then?**" .

Then, after I put the required years on the job, I'll retire." The father replied, "That's good, **but what then?**"

And the boy said, "Well ... uh ... I don't know ... I guess I'll get old and die." The dad said, "That's right, **what then?**"



The boy dropped his head as he realized he had plans for life on earth, but no plans for life beyond this world. The Bible teaches that it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment (Heb. 9:27). **What then?**

**NAVARRE NEWS AND NOTES:** Please remember in your prayers: **Kenny Cauley** recuperating from back surgery, **Starr Wilkins, Jim Wetzstein, Debbie Kingsmill, Carrie Hare, Sister Gerry Wiemert.** Continue to remember **Houston Perry** as he serves in military duty in Iraq.

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# Navarre Messenger



*"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Matthew 11:1*

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## DETACHED MEMBERS

### Thought To Ponder

*"Knowledge humbles a great man, astonishes the common man, puffs up the little man, and is despised by the foolish man."*

Read these scriptures:

**Ecclesiastes 12:9-14**

**Luke 4:32**

**I Corinthians 8:1-2**

**Proverbs 1:7**

Perhaps the most quickly recognized illustration of a member of our body being detached is the retina, that part of the eye that receives the image and sends it through the optic nerve. When it becomes detached, that eye is unable to see.



Paul declared that we are all members of the body, if we are children of God, Christians (**I Cor. 12:18-20**). And he further taught that all of the members must work for the well-being of the whole body (**Eph. 4:16**).

But we cannot function if we become detached from the rest of the body. That part of the body that is cut off, or detached from the body, can be no benefit to the body. An arm severed from the body can do no work for the one who has lost that limb. But neither can the body continue to supply life to the part that is detached.

save and bless us. Those members who have detached themselves from the church or have so lived as to have the fellowship with God's people broken will die as surely as a severed limb. Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in me" (**John 15:4**). We cannot miss meeting and working with other saints in the church and bear fruit for the Lord. We must stay attached to His body in all things to keep our fellowship with Him, for He is the head of the body. Are you well attached?

Even so, members of Christ can neither serve him nor can he be a blessing to them, if they become detached from Him. A close association with the Lord in the body is

Let us keep well involved in worship, in teaching others, in study, in ministering to others' needs to keep our lifelines connected securely. Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.  
— Frank Smith

Jim Bell  
Evangelist & Editor

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## “DYNAMIC WORSHIP”

A sign advertising a local church's worship service read "Two DYNAMIC Worship Services." While it is not uncommon nowadays to see such words used to describe a worship service, should such even be a consideration for our worship to God?

Does God want "dynamic worship" or does He seek spiritual and true worship? The Lord directly answers this question when He says, *"But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:23-24).

"Dynamic worship" is obviously being advertised in contrast or comparison to some other kind of worship. Typically, those who desire "dynamic worship" are tired of what **they** consider boring, dull or "old-fashioned" worship. **They** want energetic, contemporary worship that **they** can relate to. **They** want exhilarating worship that is in keeping with the times. **They** want emotion filled worship that appeals to **them**. **They** want uplifting worship that makes **them** feel good. So, local churches are making changes to provide such worship for their worshipers. The problem is two-fold.

First, such worship is worshiper-oriented, not God-oriented. Is not our worship for God and to God? Why then are we innovating our worship to God to meet the desires of the worshiper?

Should not the worshiper's concern be for the desires of God (cf. 1 Thess. 4:1)? Are not God's ways of worship satisfying enough for us? Are not the approved methods of worship demonstrated by the first century Christians good enough for us? Are we not to imitate them?

Second, such worship might engage a man's spirit, but it fails in regard to truth. Is not God's word truth (John 17:17)? Should not God's word be our authority in all spiritual matters, to include worship (cf. Col. 3:16-17)? Should not our worship then resemble and conform to first century worship? It can be confirmed that apostolic worship was approved worship, spiritual worship and truthful worship (cf. Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 1:21; 11:23-27; 16:1-2; Eph. 5:19). Can we prove that "dynamic" worship rises to that mark established by the Lord?

You see, we can have spiritual and truthful worship that is "dynamic." However, not all "dynamic worship" is in spirit and truth (cf. Rom. 8:8). The dynamics of worship are not based on *externals* that appeal to the flesh. The dynamics of worship are based on *internals* that appeal to the spirit and truth. Thus, when worshipers emphasize spirit and truth in their hearts, the dynamics will be where God expects them to be.

-- Jonathan Perz (edited)



## TWO WAYS TO KEEP MEMBERS FAITHFUL

There are two ways to keep members of the church "faithful." The first way is to be sure everyone is involved. Have a project for each member, and make sure that he feels important in his role. Praise him for the good job he is doing. Make him feel needed; make him feel that the well-being of the whole congregation rests firmly on his shoulders. That will keep him "faithful."

There are two problems with this method. In the first place, it encourages the creation of projects that are not remotely related to the work of the local church. One member plays on the church ball team; another leads the Boy Scout troop; another is an active member of the "Dorcas Society"; another plans the program for the men's luncheon. Everybody is busy all right, but in activities that are not authorized in the New Testament.

In the second place, members are often given roles for which they are not qualified. A lady is chosen to teach a class, not because she is qualified, but because she needs to be involved. A man is appointed a deacon to help him to be "faithful." Another man is appointed to serve the Lord's Supper for a month in

order to encourage him to be present each Sunday that month. This method thus places "the cart before the horse," for no one should ever be assigned any work in the Lord's service who is not already faithful and qualified for the work to be done (**2 Timothy 2:2**).

The second way to keep people faithful is to develop within them a genuine love for the Lord. When people love the Lord, they will be faithful, and it won't take some kind of "special" project to keep them faithful. They will also be involved: in worship, in study, in prayer, in godly living, in sharing the gospel with a friend, in helping the needy. I have known literally hundreds of Christians who have never in their lives been appointed to any special work, but whose love for the Lord alone keeps them faithful. There is no superficial faithfulness on the part of these; theirs is a faithfulness that is real.

Special responsibilities are fine for those who are qualified, but the man who requires some special duty to be faithful has never learned what true faithfulness is.

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