

LIES SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE

MESSAGE NOTES

I Love Jesus but I Don't Like the Church Sunday, August 1 | Tommy Duke First Baptist Church of Garden City

4 LIES SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT THE CHURCH:

- The church isn't perfect, therefore I should avoid it.
- I can follow Jesus just as well on my own.
- The church was created by man to [insert your reason here].
- I don't need the church and it doesn't need me.

The God's Honest Truth:

THE CHURCH IS THE _____.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." – Ephesians 5:25-27

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself." – Revelation 19:7 (NLT)

(See also: Isaiah 49:18; Jeremiah 2:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3)

7 CHOICES I CAN MAKE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST:

1. I PLACE MY _____ IN JESUS AS _____.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 6:23

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." – 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. I PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATE MY FAITH BY _____.

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” – Romans 6:4

“...buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” – Colossians 2:12

3. I _____ TO A LOCAL CHURCH BODY THRU _____.

“Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” – 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

(See also Galatians 1:1-3; Philippians 1:1-2; Colossians 1:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; Philemon 1:1-3; 1 Peter 1:1-2)

Memory Verse:

“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.” – 1 Corinthians 12:27

4. I _____ & FELLOW BELIEVERS, CARING FOR _____.

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:24-25

*“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another”
– Romans 12:10*

5. I PUT MY _____ & _____ TO WORK SERVING THE LOCAL CHURCH.

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” – Ephesians 4:11-13

6. I _____ TO HONOR GOD AND SUPPORT HIS CHURCH.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:19-21

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

7. I _____ BY _____ OTHERS TO CHURCH AND
_____ WITH THEM.

“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!’” – Romans 10:14-15

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 12:27.
- Go public with my faith in Jesus by being baptized on September 12. Please contact me.
- Become a member of FBC Garden City. Please contact me.
- Start using my gifts to serve at FBC Garden City on the following team(s):
 - 1st Impressions ○ Worship Team ○ Production/Media
 - GC Kids ○ GC Students ○ Office Volunteer
- Intentionally look for an opportunity to invite someone new to church this week.

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God Just Wants Me to be Happy 😊**