

The Greatest Hero on Earth

Heroes – part 2

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When Christ returned triumphantly to heaven after his resurrection and victory over Satan, he gave generous gifts to men. ...

Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; Eph 4:8, 12 (TLB)

The MISSION of the CHURCH: _____

To "fill the whole world with himself" v. 10

The MESSAGE of the CHURCH: NOT _____ but _____

- **Its not about obligation. But _____.**
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7 (NIV)
- **Its not about "religion" and rules but _____**
Jesus said: "The teachers of the law...keep making up so many laws! ... They make strict rules and try to force people to obey them, but they are unwilling to help those who struggle under the weight of their rules.
Matt 23:1-2, 4 (NIV, TLB, NCV)

⁴They crush you with impossible religious demands ... NLT
- **Its not about our image but changing _____ from the _____ out.**
"Everything they do is for show.
You are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! Mt 23:5, 25 NLT

The MEMBERS of the CHURCH: Everybody does _____

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing

... widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "... We will turn this responsibility over to them

Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Eph 4:16 TLB