

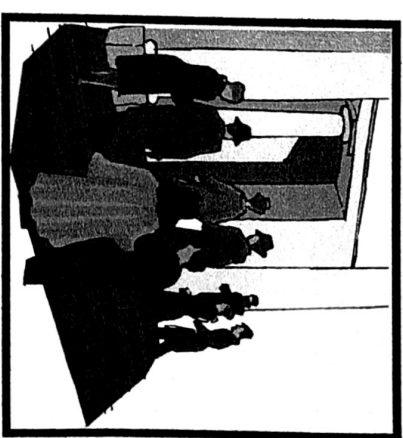
WHAT MAKES A STRONG CHURCH STRONG?

Eph. 6:10

INTRODUCTION: A local congregation (or the brotherhood, in general) will never be stronger than the weakest members!

STRONG OR WEAK? WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

weak: Rom. 4:19; 1 Cor. 11:30; Heb. 5:12-14
strong: Rom. 15:1; Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 2:1



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS CONCERNING STRENGTH:

numbers... Many think strength is found in big attendance.
buildings... Many think a grand meeting house indicates strength.
money... Many think a wealthy congregation is also strong.
programs... Many think a multitude of ministries will result in strength.
famous members... Many think notable members make churches strong.
years of existence... Many think congregational longevity means strength.

10 THINGS THAT HELP TO MAKE CHURCHES STRONG:

1. Members who are converted Acts 3:19
2. Members who study God's Word 2 Tim. 2:15
3. Members who assemble regularly Heb. 10:25
4. Members who pray always 1 Thess. 5:17
5. Members who do God's work 1 Cor. 15:58
6. Members who strive for unity 1 Cor. 1:10
7. Members who are youth-minded 2 Tim. 3:14, 15
8. Members who stay separate from sin Jas. 1:27
9. Members who sacrifice Rom. 12:1
10. Members who evangelize Mt. 28:19, 20