

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD'S CHURCH

Our Members

Part II

Our church can and should be like this account from the Special Olympics. As you know the Special Olympics features mentally and physically disabled athletes from around the world. One of the most memorable events that happened during the Special Olympics was a foot race among a group of people with Down Syndrome. The runners were close together as they came around the track toward the finish line. One of them stumbled and fell. When that happened, the rest of the runners stopped. They went back as a group, helped the runner who'd fallen to stand up, and then all ran across the finish line together. Once across, they hugged and congratulated each other for finishing the race.

This is what our church was meant to be. You can make it so!

Our church needs members who are willing to be used – to serve where needed. The pastor of a Baptist church said he had too many "Lilly Baptists" in the membership. When asked about it he said, that Jesus talked about them in the New Testament – "They toil not and neither do they spin."

God gave you special talents and abilities. The secret of a happy, useful life is to be content with what He gave you and discontent with the use you make of them. Our church needs you!

Our church needs members who are willing to give, to sacrifice and more. What we are doing for God in our church is demanding. Our regular budget is worldwide in scope. Our Capital Program requires the best from all of us. The special needs that arise are costly.

An American stood beside a native in India. It was a poor part of the country, yet a lovely temple was under construction. The practical-minded Westerner turned to a native and asked: "How much will it cost?" A startled look came over the face of the woman: **"The cost does not count ... it is for our God."**

As Jesus moved toward Calvary He never counted the cost. He surrounded Himself with men and women, most of them simple, humble people who shared His

spirit and His attitude. They did not count the cost and neither will we!! It, too, is for our God!

What we need is a time of spiritual renewal – one that touches every member.
We will if all the:

- Sleeping folk – wake up
- Lukewarm folk – fire up
- Disgruntled folk – sweeten up
- Discouraged folk – cheer up
- Depressed folk – look up
- Estranged folk – make up
- Gossipers – shut up
- True Christians – stand up
- Church members – pray up

When this happens we will have a great **STEWARDSHIP ENRICHMENT** Program.
You and your family can lead the way!

*Lord, help me to link arms with others in our church and press toward the finish line
and the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I want to cross the
finish line together with my fellow Saints.*