

“Let George Do It!”

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Even though the inspired Scriptures plainly state that the proper growth of the local church depends upon “*what every joint supplies*” (**Eph. 4:16**), there have ever been those brethren whose attitude is “Well, let George do it!” – just as soon as they find out that their name isn’t “George”!

Has it ever been any different? Those worthy faithful recorded in **Hebrews 11** must have felt pretty lonely at times. Noah was the **only** preacher of righteousness in his day and he could only save his family (**Gen. 7:7; Heb. 11:7**).

Elijah **really felt alone** in his battle against Jezebel and her false prophets! He told the Lord: “*I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life*” (**1 Kings 19:10**). Of course, Elijah’s estimate only missed its mark by 7,000, so we have to be careful about how we think and count.

Just the same, the Lord Himself described the faithful as “*few*” (**Matt. 7:14**). And Isaiah spoke by inspiration around 700 B.C. when he wrote: “*Unless the LORD of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah*” (**Isaiah 1:9**). It almost sounds like you could fit the faithful saints in an elevator!

The point is this: are you one of the ones we can depend on for faithful support in gospel meetings, vacation Bible schools, and other works of the church? Or are you one of those who is always willing for “George” to do it? If you are of the latter variety, I beg you to reconsider your priorities. I cannot guarantee you that God will be pleased with you, regardless of what the elders, preacher, or deacons may say!

I do know the parable of **Luke 14:16-24** plainly shows that Jesus does not take excuses lightly either! Yes, the work of the Lord in every local congregation will be carried on by the faithful few, but the negligent will not receive any credit for what has been done!

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