

✓ **E. REDEMPTION: SERVICE** (love man as self; Mt.22:39)

- ✓1. *go into* all the world (Mt.28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- ✓2. *salt and light* (Mt.5:13-16)
- ✓3. a city *set on a hill* (Jerusalem; Mt.5:14)
- ✓4. *in the midst of* the nations (Ezek.5:5; 16:14)
- ✓5. yet: retreat, refuge (Mk.6:31)
- ✓6. place/s suitable to the work: town & country?

✓ **III. A PLACE SUITABLE TO THE WORK** (see Prov.25:11)

✓ **A. BIRDS, AIR; BEASTS, FIELD; FISH, SEA** (Gen. 1:20f,26; Ps.104:17f)

✓ **B. MAN: GARDEN** (Gen.1:28; 2:15; control; sights, sounds, smells)

✓ **C. TABERNACLE, TEMPLE: SACRIFICE** (Heb.9)

✓ **D. CHURCH BUILDING: MEANS OF GRACE** (ie, ordinances of worship)

- ✓1. reading, preaching, praying, singing: *good acoustics*
- ✓2. presider, prayer, preacher, precentor; sacraments: *good lighting*
- ✓3. attentiveness: *general physical circumstances* (discomfort/overcomfort: eg. seating, temperature control, air quality; see Acts 20:9)

✓ **E. CHURCH BUILDING: MEANS OF SERVICE**

- ✓1. hospitality: *kitchen, hall* (Mk.8:3; 1Tm.5:10; Heb.13:2 (Gen.18); see Acts 2:46)
- ✓2. pressing needs: rooms (eg, Temple; 1Kngs.7:51/ see Acts 6:1; Jms.2:15f; eg., food, clothing, shelter)

✓ **F. NOTE ON ARCHITECTURE AND MEANING**

- ✓1. word and sign (see Ex.4:28; Heb.2:1-4; esp. Jn.6:35,1-14; 9:5,7)
- ✓2. vaulted height: heaven (Heb.12:22)
- ✓3. simplicity: focus on the beauty of the Lord in His ordinances (Reformation, New England)
- ✓4. central table with pulpit to side/both together (word & sign; eg. Ex.4:28; Jn.9:5,7)
- ✓5. glass, clear: openness, invitation; light! (eg. Ottawa RPC; "keep the light on", Syracuse RPC)
- ✓6. Greek revival architecture (Parthenon; eg. Oswego RPC!; 2Cor.6:14-18)
- ✓7. entrance through walls of water with superfine mist! (see 1Cor.10:1,2)

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✓ **G. REMINDER: MEANS VS. END** (Heb.12:18f; Jn.4:23,24)

✓ **IV. IT'S TIME!**

✓ **A. IT'S TIME TO PRAY! LET THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES WHICH JUSTIFY THIS DESIRE GIVE YOU COURAGE TO PRAY EARNESTLESS FOR A MORE SUITABLE PLACE!** (1Tm.6:8 and all above; see 2Sam.7:27; Jms.4:2,3; 1Jn.5:14,15)

✓ **B. IT'S TIME TO ACT! DO WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROVIDE A MORE SUITABLE PLACE!** (Haggai 1:4,8; 2Sam.7:2,5,13/ Ex.31:1; 1Kngs.7/ Ex.25:1-91; 1Kngs.7:51)

✓ **C. SUMMARY: AVOID INDULGENCE ON THE LEFT AND ASCETICISM ON THE RIGHT, PRAY FOR GOD'S PROVISION AND USE IT IN THANKFUL SERVICE TO GOD AND MAN** (1Tm.6:4; 4:4,5)