

SACRIFICES INVOLVED IN SIMPLE CHURCH

Simple church is not easy. Its governing structure eliminates red tape in decision making. But it entails much sacrifice which very few are able to volunteer. As the assembly is in an individual's private dwelling there are several issues to be considered.

1. TOLERATING UNDISCIPLINED CHILDREN.

Your home has to be secure for children. While you are praying with your eyes closed children have a tendency to wander off into the swimming pool area. You could have a fatality in your home if you are not vigilant. Also be prepared for fragile items to break, urine on your sofa, food on your carpet and your private bedroom invaded. You will discover that many Christian parents have "untamed" children. Your patience will be tested. I know of some that have shut down the gathering in their homes following above events.

2. SECURITY ISSUES

Some folk will come to the church in your house to scan weak security points with the intention of breaking into your house. In addition, as folk are not always punctual you may need to keep your main gate open for convenience thus inviting robbers and hijackers.

3. STRANGERS IN YOUR HOUSE

If you are going to run a simple church, be prepared for strangers coming in. You may feel your privacy is violated. You may tolerate it but your spouse may not be willing. Some have eliminated this problem through strict rules – entrance by invitation only.

4. THE FELLOW THAT LEAVES LATE

Some people will stay "forever". This is going to be difficult after a while especially if you have a busy day at the office the next day. You may have to set times for closure.

5. NEIGHBOURS MAY COMPLAIN TO THE POLICE

This may happen when the group gets too large with too many cars on the pavement and too much noise from your house. You will be tested on loving your neighbour.

6. FOOD BUDGET

Your food budget will increase – this is fellowship in your house twice a week.

7. FUEL BUDGET

Your fuel budget will also increase as you may have to pick up and drop off those who are attending your meetings.

Jesus selected His disciples – so should you – but preach the gospel and be kind to everyone.