

Lecture 6: Lessons From St. Louis

Father we thank You that You've given us such beautiful weather. We thank You for the glorious sunshine and the changing of the leaves, for so much beauty in all You've made. We thank You too Father for the way You work in an equally beautiful way in our lives, in the lives of all Your children to do good things, to transform and make us new, to prune away that which is old and needs to be removed from us. We thank You Father for the way that when we put ourselves into Your hands You are able to prepare for us, both in this life and in the life to come eternally, a life which is full of extraordinary wonder and good things beyond our imaginings. We thank You for the first fruits of that we already begin to experience. And as we look at this pattern of Your work in one couple's life, Father, we thank You for what we can see in them of Your power and ability to take two people and use them in such a wonderful way. We thank You that You can do the same with us; You already are doing the same with us. We praise You Father, for Your power, for Your graciousness to us, for Your ability to take earthen vessels and to use them to Your glory. We thank You in Jesus' name, Amen.

Review and Introduction: Having studied the beginnings of the Children for Christ ministry in St. Louis, Professor Barrs gleans lessons from the ministry and then after a brief look at their family life, he begins to analyze the concerns the Schaeffers began to have with the “separated movement” and the issues that were involved.

Lessons From St. Louis**I. Lessons from Children for Christ****A. One does not need to have**

1. A large, complex organization
2. Huge amounts of money
3. An advertising campaign
4. A host of professional ministers

B. Rather, one must have

1. Prayer coupled with a desire to be used
2. Hard work
3. Faithful communication of God's Word
4. Encouragement of God's people to use their gifts

II. Family Life**A. Relationship to each other (*Tapestry*, page 237)****B. Time with the children (Responsibility in relationships)****III. Separated Christianity****A. Evident in their work**

1. Children for Christ
2. Councils

B. Concerns of the Schaeffers

1. The purity of the visible church—the stand against Modernism
2. Negative thrusts in the separated movement

C. The issues

1. Commitment to truth over against falsehood
2. Necessity to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials
3. Commitment to the purity of the church
4. How to regard those evangelicals who remain in “mixed” denominations