Becoming a Disciple of Jesus "Sending Out" February 4, 20024



"Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, ⁶ who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,



7 because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth." 3 John 1:5-8 (NKJV)





1. Minister with Another:



"These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.



8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, 10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food." Matthew 10:5-10 (NKJV)



African Proverb:

"If you want to go Fast, Go Alone. If you want to go Far, Go Together."







"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.



¹¹ Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiates 4:9-12 (NKJV)

2. Find a Person of Peace:



"Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. ¹² And when you go into a household, greet it. ¹³ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.



14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

Matthew 10:11-15 (NKJV)



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2 Reasons:



1: If there is Persecution.

"When they persecute you in this city, flee to another." Matthew 10:23 (NKJV)



2: Could Not Find a Person of Peace:

Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.⁵ And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." Luke 9:4,5 (NKJV)

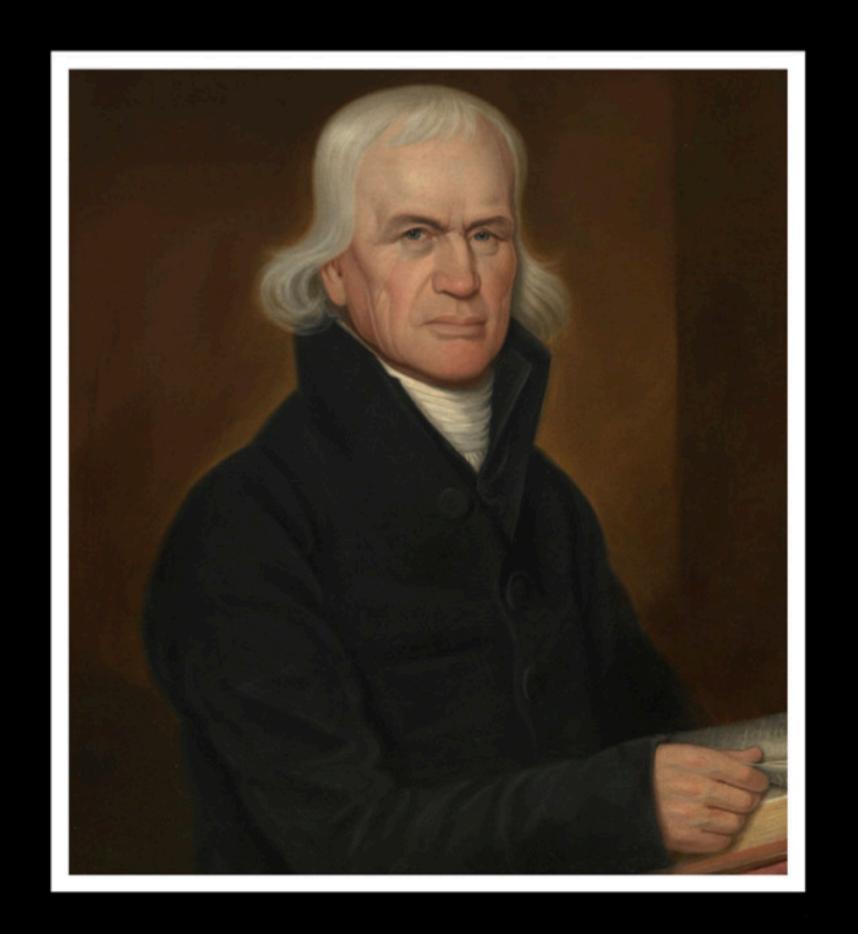


Comparing George Whitefield to Frances Asbury:





George Whitefield 1714-1770



Frances Asbury 1745-1816

George Whitefield:

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Boston: 25,000 gathered; population was 16,000.

Philadelphia: 12,000 gathered; population was 13,000.

New York: 8,000 gathered; population was 11,000.



Frances Asbury:

In 1 Year, Asbury traveled 6,000 miles in USA. Preaching 200 times. Oversaw 8 Methodist Conferences.



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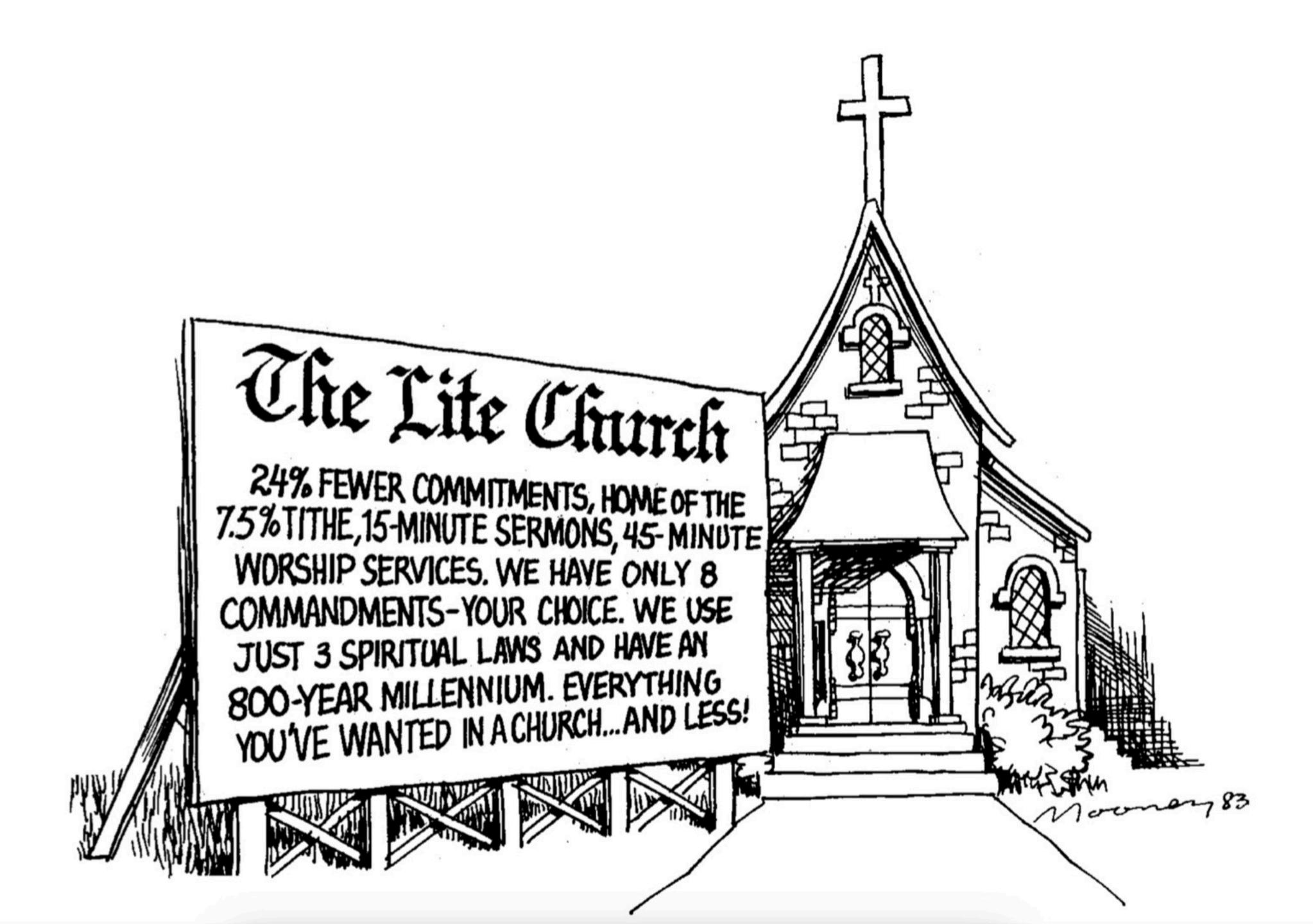
Came to America in the 1770s. By 1820, there were 250,000 Methodists. By 1860, 38% of all Americans were Methodists. The only organization that owned more Buildings was the US Government! Over 11 million people were Methodists!



3. Be Wise and Don't Worry:

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you." Matthew 10:16-20 (NKJV)



"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

