

The actz church characterized by what it had - not what it did not have.  
a possessionless church because tells us how to have

I- ye Have Not - implies that we should have - this statement is a rebuke, an indictment, per Paul 2:18?

2- were exians characterized by what they did not have - by their lack, poverty - 1 Cor 13:21-23; Phil 4:19; Rich

3- this is a confession we shamefully make; have not all power act 1:8 = "have not." "Joy may be full" - have not.

John 5 - overcoming word - have not. - Buy it not, Transfiguration = "We could not,"

F- O.T. church characterized by what they had = Power: Pentecost: Tears; Paul Rom 9, 11

if we had what they had, we could do what they did.

5- All - Thomas Aquinas & Pope: no longer can church say "Silver & gold have I none." - neither can it say, "In name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up & walk!"

Result is Frustration, conflict, etc

3- Do you have all that I means for you to have?

6- Great tragedy = looks like we have it all = Corpses = lacks one vital thing = life

7- Here is a church in want that - a lack that should've not existed - cf 1:4

II - Ye Ask not = a Prayerless Church (1) here is  
the solution = none not because ask not - (2) - what would  
be our diagnosis, run our cure? work, study,  
committees, drives, pledges, new staff member, send  
up balloons - (3) yet Ob answer w/ ~~but~~  
condemning ministry = "ye have not, because ye  
ask not."

Prayer is at once both the cause +  
the cure of their lack.

= Simon Peter had rather fight than  
Pray.

• we lose our purpose & redouble  
our efforts

III. Yes Decline Not = worse still. A powerless church.

1. Praying not is bad, asking not is worse,  
but asking & receiving not is worst!

① J. Bisagno's 1st - "Surprised if I  
knowled any of your prayers."

② W/ us answered prayer is the exception -  
not the rule!

③ 24 - Peter in jail & Phonda at door = a ghost  
that's our answer too. It wasn't really an answer,  
~~but~~ would've happened anyway.  
acclimated

④ we have acclimated ourselves to un-  
answered prayer = an interesting testimony,  
service workers be where must tell of answered  
prayer

⑤ You ask w/ lips & receive not, because you  
do not ask w/ your heart.

⑥ Praying a waste of time

⑦ Because ... ask for wrong reason is  
wrong way = may spend it on journey.  
Selfish reasons = Thrill of felt

FBC Ft Smith = something always going on  
but nothing ever happening!

Eure: cleanse hands