

# A DEVOTED SERVANT

---

PASTOR CHAPPELL | SUNDAY EVENING | DECEMBER 17, 2017

*“And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; 37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.” (Luke 2:36–38)*

## INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

---

### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Woman

A. Her \_\_\_\_\_

B. Her \_\_\_\_\_

DAUGHTER OF PHANUEL

**Definition:** *Phanuel*—the face of God

TRIBE OF ASHER

**Definition:** *Asher*—blessing

C. Her \_\_\_\_\_

ANNA'S AGE

ANNA'S ATTENTIVENESS

*“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the*

*manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)*

**Quote:** “The difference between listening to a radio sermon and going to church... is almost like the difference between calling your girl on the phone and spending an evening with her.”—**D.L. Moody**

**Quote:** “I have never met a soul who has set out to satisfy the Lord and has not been satisfied himself.”—**Watchman Nee**

## 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Woman

*“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:7)*

A. \_\_\_\_\_

*“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “When we work, we work, when we pray, God works!”  
*“Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.” (1 Timothy 5:5)*

## 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ Woman

*“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30)*

A. She \_\_\_\_\_ of the Saviour

SHE GAVE THANKS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

SHE SPOKE OF CHRIST

*“Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. 17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.” (Acts 17:16-17)*

## B. She Spoke to \_\_\_\_\_

*“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.” (Acts 8:4-5)*

## CONCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_

---

# How to Build a Great Church

These notes were found in Denise Lofgren's files from Visit with the Pastor on May 2, 1988. Pastor Chappell was twenty-six years old and the church was averaging a few hundred in attendance.

### 1. Stay—Learn to Stick

*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)*

#### Reasons People Leave

- A Spiritual Reason—the Will of God
- Get Offended
- Undisciplined—It Takes Character to Stay Somewhere
- Backslidden

### 2. Sweet Spirit—Love Your Church

*“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)*

### 3. Stewardship—Give Liberally to God and Man

*“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

### 4. Separation—Direction, Standards

*“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” (2 Corinthians 6:17)*

## 5. Stick with Scriptures

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)*

## 6. Sold Out—To the Things of the Lord, Marriage, Church, Family

*“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)*

## 7. Soulwinning—Visiting People for Salvation

*“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)*

## 8. Spiritual—Holy, Godly, Pure, Clean

*“If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:21)*

## 9. Sensitive—To the Needs of Others, Worker’s, Pastor’s Wife

*“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)*

## 10. Stand—Take a Stand for Things of God

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)*

**Note:** Denise Lofgren left the world a legacy of faithfulness like Anna. Consider these principles as you set goals in the New Year.

