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The work of saving a few. It isn't the church that is wrong my child;

It isn't the church — it's YOU. Being a church member is not only for the purpose of getting but giving. A minister of a church is not the church, for he can be here today and gone tomorrow. We know this because our churches have survived for centuries with ministers coming and going.

Perhaps if the great number of members whose primary contribution

is criticizing what goes on therein would join the few who seek to undertake God's work as best they can, the black church might become an institution serving humanity in a way excelled by none.

E. Penn
Winston-Salem

Constructive Criticism

To The Editor:

Your series of articles concerning

the black churches is a job well done, even though there are some negative responses.

Your series is not condemning the black churches, but making the black community more aware of the church's obligation to the black community.

Black people do not work very well together. This is also true of our black churches. Black churches have trouble helping their members, let alone helping someone outside of the church.

This is where the black church's problems begin. The churches are so busy sending money to missions overseas that they forget about the needy in our own black community.

The black preacher can show you a list of things that his church is doing in the community but, in reality, the black community has not felt the results.

In a lot of black churches, some members feel that if you disagree with the pastor in any way, you do not have the church or the pastor at

heart. This is not true at all.

A lot of black members are worshipping their pastors instead of God and think they are on their way to heaven anyhow. This is why a lot of preachers can do all the sinning they are big enough to do; they know, no matter what they do, a few members are going to follow them, right or wrong. This is very sad.

Constructive criticism can bring about some positive changes in any situation.

And, any time the white churches come into the black community to feed our needy, it is time for the black community to be critical of our churches.

The black church is the only institution that is solely owned by blacks. If we fail in the black churches, there is nothing left.

So I say to the Chronicle, I am behind you all the way. Keep up the good work.

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Tony Brown

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in the Democratic Party is 42 percent. If he gets 90 percent of that, and a little white help, he'll win. Politics in Philadelphia is not politics in Chicago and Goode is delicately trying to tell Jackson that.

Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, and Jackson's old friend, has some more advice. Young has refused to become the symbolic black presidential candidate and has said that blacks would do better backing a white candidate with a chance.

"Real politics is more effective than symbolic politics," he asserts. Of course, he is dead wrong and his political judgment remains shortsighted. Young's logic would guarantee us more Democratic liberals to exploit the black vote. But Jesse Jackson, although knowing a good idea when he sees it, is the very man who can destroy it — by putting his own personal needs first. In short, a black presidential candidate, committed to the black community and not his own publicity, can at this opportune time of black political resurgence greatly advance the black cause.

The one man who really has the political savvy, the backing, the acceptance, the philosophy, the charisma, the business sense and the brains is the black man who was betrayed by the Democratic Party, the white voters and his liberal advisers and cheated out of the mayor's job in New York City: Percy Sutton.

Jesse Jackson, running hardest to be called the new Black Messiah, has certainly demonstrated that he is not. In a recent show of bad political judgment, he went to Iowa, a state with less than two percent black voters, to campaign as the chosen candidate of Black America for president. Who chose him is still a mystery, but I suspect that his "ego" made him do it. Self-selected national black leaders, hand-picked by Jackson, will soon hold a "convention" to select a candidate. Jackson will surely be the choice at this so-named "convention" of his political cronies. However, he is sure to become the made-for-failure candidate because nothing can protect him from himself.

Example: He went to Iowa, with 98 percent white voters, and told the white folks that the farmers and urban poor had "food and food stamps" in common.

That logic should really get a black candidate representing a black community a lot of votes in a white state.

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