

# FLEURIEU EDGE

## Only A Rivet

Scientists have determined that faulty rivets may have caused the rapid sinking of the “unsinkable” HMS *Titanic*. According to researchers who have examined parts recovered from the wreck, impure rivets made of wrought iron rather than steel caused the ship’s hull to open like a zipper. The *Titanic* proves the foolishness of spending resources on fancy equipment and public promotion while neglecting the “ordinary” parts.

In a sense, churches are like ships, and many of their people are like rivets. Although rivets seem insignificant, they are essential for holding the ship together and keeping it afloat.

Feelings of insignificance are rampant these days, even among Christians, and some do hurtful things to make themselves feel important. James says, “Where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there” (3:16). People corrupted by worldly desires for beauty, wealth, and power can bring down great churches, but people who are pure and undefiled (1:27) hold churches together.

As members of God’s church, we need to be “rivets” without defect. When we are pure (James 3:17), strong (Ephesians 6:10), and steadfast (1 Corinthians 15:58), we will be used by the Lord to keep His ship afloat in times of crisis.

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**James 3:13-18** <sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup>This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (NKJV)

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