

EVERYONE DOING HIS JOB

Int.

1. Aim: To show how we must all work together in the church to make it what it ought to be!
2. **Rom. 12:3-15**
3. This is the way for a congregation to work and grow
 - a. You must have:
 - (1) A right view of yourself
 - (2) A right view of your fellow-Christians
 - (3) A right view of Christ - the head of the Church
 - b. An improper view will cause you not to work properly
 - c. The growth and spread of the Kingdom depends on every person doing his own job
4. There will be three things we will notice:
 - a. Watch out for the Big Head - v. 3
 - b. Have a proper view of fellow-Christians and of Christ - v. 4-5
 - c. Urge you to do an effective and efficient job - v. 6-8

Discussion

I. WATCH OUT FOR THE BIG HEAD

- A. Rom. 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."
 1. Given in preparation for giving instructions about the different gifts of church members
 2. All do not have the same office and therefore some are jealous of one another
 3. Christians can have the big-head

B. Don't think too highly of yourself

1. We have the temptation to think too much of our self
 - a. Exaggerate our abilities and merits - we minimize our sins and shortcomings
 - b. Then we magnify the faults of others
2. We tend to lower the abilities of others

C. Paul was SOBER in his thinking of himself

1. "I say through the grace given to me"
 - a. He did not doubt his apostolic authority
 - b. He disclaimed any personal merit
2. He speaks of himself as:
 - a. "The least of the apostles"... 1 Cor. 15:9
 - b. "Not worthy to be called an apostle" ... 1 Cor. 15:9
 - c. "Less than the least of all saints".. - Eph. 3:8
3. Soberly = think sensibly
4. He was not a big head even though he could have felt big because of what he had accomplished for Christ

D. Pride causes problems in the church

1. Pro. 13:10 "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised [is] wisdom."
 - a. Where there is pride there will be contention in the church
 - b. Contention = quarrel and strife
2. Pride caused problems for King Herod - Acts 12:22,23

3. Pride caused Haman's death - Esther 5:9
 4. Pride made the religion of the Pharisees unacceptable to God - Lk. 18:11
 5. Pride will bring us down
- E. Therefore we must be careful not to have an attitude of being better than others.

II. GOD'S CHURCH IS TO BE A UNIFIED BODY

- A. Rom. 12:4,5 "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, [being] many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."
1. Unity in the church requires that Christ be the head
 - a. He has all power and authority - Eph. 1:22-23
 - b. He is the head, giving all instructions and has the right to give responsibilities to every member
 2. Christians are members of that body
 - a. We must think of our self as members of the Body of Christ
 - b. The church is a body with many members and "every one members one of another."
 - c. We are not to think of ourselves as separate and apart from the body
 - d. We are fitly framed together - members one of another - Eph. 2:21
 - (1) Fitly framed together - oneness, harmony
 - (2) Groweth = not put there like a stone and it will stay there, we must work and make it so
 - (3) 1 Pet. 2:5 - - describes us as "living stones"
 - (4) We need forgiveness, and strength and comfort

3. There is a difference in our abilities
 - a. V. 4 "...all members have not the same office."
 - b. V. 6 "Having then gifts differing...." Vary
 - c. Instead of complaining that you have not the same gift or ability as a neighbor, you should rejoice that he has it !
 - d. There is room for the factory worker, the student, the teacher, the policeman, the bankers, the housewife, the retired
4. There is room for all whom Christ has called and qualified for his service
5. Each has some benefit or help that he can give to the body of Christ

B. There must be unity and harmony among the members of the body

1. We cannot be Christians without having a proper relationship one with another
2. There is no room for jealousy, and backbiting
3. **1 Cor. 12:14-31**
 - a. V. 14 = not one member, but many
 - b. Therefore all parts should co-operate one with another, rather than against one another
 - c. There is not a "church boss"
 - d. The vital organs are not always visible - but they are valuable
 - e. Trouble in one part affects the whole body

III. LET EVERYONE DO HIS JOB WELL

A. Rom. 12:6-8

1. We have much work both spiritual and physical to be done
2. The Jerusalem church had 2 distinct works
 - a. Preaching the word - - the apostles
 - b. Daily distribution of food to those in need - - as the church grew the needs and responsibilities also grew - 7 men to see about this work
3. The work and responsibilities of the Lord's Church are GREAT
 - a. The young need to be taught and trained
 - b. The misled need to be recovered / The feeble need to be recovered
 - c. The ones in grief need to be comforted
 - d. Those who pout and are quarrelsome need to be corrected
 - e. The inexperienced need to be advised
 - f. Widows and orphans need to be helped
4. These works are many others can be met only when every member is doing his part and doing it well

B. The Christian is called to do for others and not for himself - v. **6-8**

1. "Prophecy according to the proportion of faith:"
 - a. Those with the gift of prophecy were the teachers
 - b. Paul admonished not to go beyond and tell more than was revealed
 - c. Just because they had this gift did not mean they could speak of everything, but only about the things revealed to them
 - d. We as preachers must not go beyond what is taught in the scriptures

2. "Let us wait on our ministering."
 - a. Help or serve others - practical service
 - b. Tabitha made clothes for needy people
 - c. Seven men in Jerusalem were to minister to the needs of widows
 - d. The great law of the kingdom of heaven is:
 - (1) Not "use thyself for thyself"
 - (2) Nor "Use others for thyself"
 - (3) But it is "Use thyself for others"

3. "He who teaches, in teaching"
 - a. Not all have the ability to teach
 - b. The ones who do have this ability must use it faithfully and diligently
 - c. Be the best Bible class teacher that you can be !

4. "He who exhorts, in exhortation"
 - a. Appeal to the heart and conscience
 - b. Barnabas was good at this
 - c. Many have this ability and should be encouraged to use it

5. "He who gives, with liberality"
 - a. Some have money and the ability to make it
 - b. Have opportunity to show great liberality
 - c. Simplicity = liberality
 - d. Not for show or seeking glory for self

6. "He who leads, with diligence"
 - a. Elders
 - b. Fathers

7. "He who shows mercy, with cheerfulness"
 - a. Care for the sick and needy
 - b. Do it with joy and happiness

Conclusion

1. Rom. 12:9 "[Let] love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."
 - a. Love - good will
 - b. I I Pet. 1:7 - brotherly kindness, love
 - c. Without dissimulation = without hypocrisy, pretended love is hypocrisy
 - d. Hate all things that cause unkindness or hinder love
 - e. Amos 5:15a "Hate the evil, and love the good,..."

2. Rom. 12:10 "[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"
 - a. Kindly affections = tender affection as between a parent and child
 - b. We belong to the same family and should have tender warm feelings toward one another
 - c. Brotherly love - love your brethren and love one another
 - d. Jn. 13:35 "By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."
 - e. If we love our fellow man, we hate that which is hurtful to him !

3. Rom. 12:11 "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;"
- Not slothful = lazy, half hearted, idleness, - slow and poky
 - Fervent in spirit = diligent - put whole self into work
 - Serving the Lord - this is why we are to be diligent.
 - We as a member of the body are doing this for the Lord, not for the preacher or elders, not for the other members. What we do for the Lord helps all members of the body of Christ but remember who it is you are serving.
4. Eccl. 9:10 - "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."
5. The Lord can use us all and there is work for all of us to do. Whatever you are qualified to do, do it with diligence and haste.

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