



EVERYONE'S FIGHTING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

1 Corinthians 12:22-25

Mark 3:24-25 (NLT), ²⁴A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. ²⁵Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.

Luke 12:51-52, ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.

Psalms 127:1-2, Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. ²In vain you rise early and stay up late . . .

Revelation 1:1-3, ¹The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

2 Timothy 3:12, In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life will be persecuted.

John's Address to The Churches: (Revelation 2-3)

- 1) He affirmed what deserved to be celebrated.
 - 2) He admonished what needed to be corrected.
- ❖ To affirm - to offer emotional support and encouragement
 - ❖ To admonish - warn or reprimand someone firmly

Colossians 3:16, Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

- ❖ No one enters a rich life resisting godly values!

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV), ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right ²“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: ³“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” ⁴And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Fighting for the Future of Our Family

- 1) Everyone's Service Is Significant.
- 2) Everyone's Fighting for The Common Good.
- 3) Everyone's Engaged Through Empathy.
- 4) Everyone's Charity Is Constant.

Fighting for God's Best Together (Ephesians 4:1-4)

1 Corinthians 12:24-25, ²⁴ . . . But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be NO DIVISION in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1) Honor God's Calling

Ephesians 4:1, As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

2) Relate with Humility

Ephesians 4:2, Be completely humble . . .

3) Relate with Gentleness

Ephesians 4:2, Be completely humble and gentle . . .

Matthew 26:20-22; 1 Timothy 5:19

4) Practice Patience

Ephesians 4:2, Be completely humble and gentle; be patient . . .

"If you want to run far, run together." - African Proverb

5) Bear with in order to Become

Ephesians 4:2-4, ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.

"Builders of greatness reject the Tyranny of the "OR" and embrace the Genius of the "AND." - Jim Collins, author Good to Great and Built to Last

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?