



EVERYONE'S SERVICE IS SIGNIFICANT

1 Corinthians 12:12-28

BIG IDEA: The bible teaches us developing good relationships can be VERY HARD, but it also claims it has answers that make them VERY ENJOYABLE.

Psalm 133:1-3, ¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! ² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. ³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Progressing into Relationships God Blesses

- 1) Practice what makes relationships pleasant. (Psalm 133:1)
- 2) Focus on what is proper in God's sight. (Psalm 133:2)
- 3) Enjoy God's power as He blesses. (Psalm 133:3)

1 Corinthians 12:12-19, ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be?

❖ OPTIONS MAKE UNITY MORE CHALLENGING.

What Hinders Unity?

- 1) Where I want to go verses where we want to go.
- 2) What I want to do verses where we want to go.
- 3) What I hear verses what we hear together.
- 4) How I see things verses how we see things.

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.

How to Strengthen Service and Significance

Strengthening Service

Galatians 5:13 (NLT), For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Genesis 3:1, Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

L - Lean on God's Word as your family's final authority.

O - Order life in your family contrary to culture.

V - View strengths as an opportunity to serve one another.

E - Enjoy the better life love creates.

Romans 12:1-2, 10, 15:1; John 10:10

Strengthening Significance

1 Corinthians 12:20-23, ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor . . .

EVERYONE'S FEET go places we all want to go.

EVERYONE'S HANDS do what we all know needs done.

EVERYONE'S EARS hear what we can do together.

EVERYONE'S EYES see the possibilities of our unity.

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?