

Reading: I Corinthians 3:6-10

Topic: Spiritual Teamwork

INTRODUCTION: Growth and evangelism are best served by _____ people who understand the _____ of God for unity and working together to reach the lost and disciple them.

I. TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

A. The Early Church:

1. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ was _____ in a prayer meeting on the Day of Pentecost in an upper _____ in Jerusalem where one hundred and twenty people were together in prayer. Acts 2:1,2

2. That trend of _____ together was a vital part of the growth of the early church and it brought the power of God down and produced a _____ of God and miracles. Acts 2:42; 4:23,24,31

B. The Present Day Church:

1. History reveals the truth that all great moves of God and revivals began when a group of _____ came together to _____ and seek the face of God for His power. 2 Chronicles 7:14

2. There is no substitute for the old fashioned _____ meetings where men and women and youth and children come _____ to pray and seek God and implore His Spirit to move. James 5:16

3. When churches eliminate prayer meetings from the schedule, the spiritual _____ of the church begins to decline as activities replace the _____ once devoted to seeking God.

4. Each individual needs to _____ a strong daily time of private prayer and devotion to God, and the church must come together as the _____ of Christ to pray together in prayer meetings.

5. When people come together to pray in _____, God will give direction in times of need or crisis and speak a _____ and message of encouragement to His people. 2 Chronicles 20:3,4,14-18

II. TOGETHER IN WORK:

A. Unity In The Work:

1. When people come to understand the concept of the _____ of the Body of Christ, and realize they are not an isolated entity but a vital _____ designed by God to contribute to the functioning of that Body, working together becomes a privilege to see God's work move forward.

2. The church that was in Corinth had a _____ of division and competition that was hindering the advancement and _____ of the church. I Corinthians 3:3,4

3. When there is competition in the _____ of God instead of cooperation, carnality manifests itself in forms of jealousy, bitterness, backbiting, etc. as people strive for the best _____.

B. Teamwork Makes The Dream Work:

1. When the Body of Christ is united together in the main _____ and goal of reaching the lost and making disciples, the workers will flow together, understanding the _____. I Corinthians 3:9

2. When the _____ is understood and the workers are praying together in one mind, victories will be won as the work proceeds with each minister fulfilling their _____ and God giving the increase. I Corinthians 3:6-8

3. The only one who is worthy of the credit and _____ is the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. TOGETHER IN VISION:

A. For Each Ministry:

1. The leaders of various ministries will be a key factor in the _____ and progress of the work that they are involved in, and each leader will need to _____ God in prayer for direction.

2. When prayer and seeking God is done consistently, it will produce _____ for the ministry and once that happens one can take _____ to move towards fulfilling the plan of God. Acts 13:2

B. The Ultimate Goal:

1. In any ministry it is easy to lose _____ of the primary goal of all ministries which is the mission of Jesus Christ to _____ and _____ the lost souls. Lk. 19:10

2. Activities, gatherings, events and meetings are part of the _____ but one must never lose the sight of the _____ which is to save lost people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

C. Teamwork In Ministries:

1. Every ministry plays a _____ in reaching a soul:

a. Outreach workers sow the seeds through giving _____ cards, and witnessing when the door opens.

b. Welcome & Ushering workers do their best to make new _____ feel welcome and comfortable in the service.

c. Music & worship teams lead people into the atmosphere of God's presence where someone who is _____ may feel the Spirit for the first time ever.

d. All brothers & sisters can affect the _____ individuals by greeting them warmly and making them feel at ease in a strange environment.

e. The ministers of the Word of God through preaching and teaching under the _____ of the Holy Spirit bring enlightenment and conviction to draw individuals to Jesus. I Corinthians 1:21

f. Altar workers are a key in helping new people to _____ and repent, and to offer them the opportunity to be baptized and receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

g. Home Bible Study teachers are a key to establishing _____ people in their walk with God and in some cases, being the one who leads some to salvation.

h. Sunday School & Children's Ministries are effective channels to _____ children with the Gospel and message of Salvation and establish them in the Word of God.

i. Youth Ministry is a vital key to reaching and _____ young people and helping them to grow and mature in the spiritual walk with God.

j. Technical ministries – sound, projection, livestreaming, etc. are vital keys to get the _____ of the Gospel across effectively both in house and on-line to many souls.

k. Cleaning & maintenance – an essential ministry to keep the facilities of God's _____ good and in a safe and presentable condition.

l. Baptismal ministry – the robes & towels and accessories that are _____ for each soul that is baptized in Jesus Name.

m. Other vital work that is part of ministry – assistants in ministries, cooks who help prepare food, and do many other unseen jobs for Jesus!

CONCLUSION: When each person finds and understands their _____ and place in the work of God and all work together as a team to do our very _____ to see souls saved the work of God moves forward in victory.