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I Corinthians 12 & *I am a Church Member* - Ch.1 (1/2/19)

What is missing?

1. Eyeglasses are of little use without the Lens
2. A Car is of minimal use without Wheels
3. A Lamp is of little use without a Light Bulb
4. A Pen is of minimal use without Ink

What are some of the SHIPS of the church?

1. Leadership
2. Fellowship
3. Worship
4. Fellowship
5. Discipleship
6. Stewardship
7. Kinship
8. Partnership

Questions

1. Are you enrolled in a ministry of the church?
2. Are you engaged in at least one ministry of the church?
3. Is there a ministry you are excited about?
4. Are you educating yourself about the ministry you are in?
5. Are you encouraging others to join a ministry?

Context of the Text

1. **Paul** - Persecutor, Preacher, Pastor, Planter, & Penman.
2. **Corinth** - Port city, diverse cultures, & new believers.

What can we learn from I Corinthians 12?

1. Different gifts but distributed by the same Spirit (v.4)
2. Different kinds of service, same Lord (v.5)
3. Different kinds of operations, same God at work (v.6)
4. God determines who & which gifts are given (v.7-11)
5. Body of Christ is made of many parts (v.12-14)
6. Each person/part of the body is important (v.15-20)
7. Weaker parts of the body need special care (v.21-24)
8. God's desires unity in the body of Christ (v.25-26)
19. God has equipped the church w/ specific offices (v.27-31)

Did you know?

1. You have a Calling from God that must be fulfilled
2. You must rely on the Comforter/Holy Spirit
3. You are a big Component of the local church
4. Your Contribution of skills are needed in the church
5. Your Collaboration with others helps the church grow

In Ch. 1 – Rainer stresses “Membership means...”

1. We are all necessary parts of the whole
2. We are different but we still work together
3. Everything we say and do is based on a Biblical foundation of love
4. Church membership is Functioning Membership

Some Key Quotes

1. 2/3 of Builders (born before 1946) are Christians (p.5)
2. 15% of Millennials (1980-2000) are Christians (p.5)
3. God didn't give churches to be country clubs (p.6)
4. 9 out of 10 churches aren't reaching their communities (v.7)
5. Church membership is founded on love (v.14)
6. Everyone has a function & should be functioning (p.16)
7. Church rolls are inflated (p.17)
8. Be a member the way the Bible speaks (v.17)