

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we “not be conformed to this world,” and yet live in it?
2. Can we be sure we are serving in the right place?
3. Does God ever place obstacles in our path if He is leading the way?
4. Are the rewards spoken of in this text for this life or for eternal life?
5. When will our works be judged?

SUMMARY:

In this machine age in which we live, there are times when we need a qualified person in a certain field to make necessary adjustments or repairs to keep our equipment running smoothly and efficiently.

There seems to be many a breakdown or power failure in the great work God would have us as a church perform here on this earth. It is not that the plan has failed, but that we as servicemen have neglected to learn our particular job well enough to carry our share of the responsibility and we are not operating well as a unit.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

August 26, 2018

Third Quarter

SERVICE

LESSON TEXT: Romans 12:1-13; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

LESSON SETTING: Written by Paul from Ephesus to the Christians in the churches at Corinth.

TIME: Approximately 59 A.D.

I. CONSECRATION FOR SERVICE. Romans 12:1-2

- A. Giving Our All (vs. 1) Matthew 16:24
- B. Continually Renewing Our Minds (vs. 2) 2 Corinthians 4:16; Psalm 51:10

II. COOPERATION IN SERVICE. Romans 12:3-8

- A. Take an Honest Look at Ourselves (vs. 3)
- B. Find Our Place of Service (vs. 4-5) 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

III. CONCEPTS OF SERVICE. Romans 12:9-13

- A. Loving. John 15:12
- B. Kindly. Ephesians 4:32
- C. Uplifting. Philippians 1:3
- D. Hospitable. 1 Peter 4:9
- E. Unselfish. Matthew 22:39; Philippians 2:4

IV. COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

- A. Based on Quality. (vs. 13)
- B. Only the Tried and Tested are Worthy of Compensation (vs. 14)

GOLDEN TEXT: IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOR.

John 12:26

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Nehemiah 3:1-32; 4:1-6

QUARTERLY THEME: Marks of a Christian

TOPIC: COOPERATION

INTRODUCTION:

It is certainly a known fact that cooperation in all things is necessary. First of all cooperation is necessary in the family. Each member of the home must do his part. This is also true in the community in which we live and very much so in our church. The most important feature of all is the fact that we must be surrendered to God so that He can use us. We cannot decide for ourselves how He wishes to use us, but after knowing His will for us, we must surely cooperate.

Many of us have seemingly no talent, we are not ministers, teachers, or have no musical ability. We seem to think we are void of any gift. But Paul says in verse 22, "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble are necessary." So we do have a part. We may be almost unconscious of it, but if yielded to Him, He can work His will through us and in so doing, prove that we are truly necessary. As small and unimportant as we may seem to be, we are still necessary to Him. Oh, that we may all be so yielded that He can use us! We must believe that He needs us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God has a special place of ministry for every believer in the Church, the Body of Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT: AS THE BODY IS ONE, AND HATH MANY MEMBERS AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THAT ONE BODY, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY: SO ALSO IS CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 12:12

The Gospel of Jesus needs many willing workers, with different talents and abilities to carry out its purpose, which is to honor God and make His salvation known to sinners. If one is qualified and chosen for a particular service and performs it faithfully, God often provides opportunity for more service in His vineyard. Philip was chosen to wait on tables, but later became an evangelist. Paul was sent to the Gentiles, but also preached Christ to the Jews, while Peter, who was seeking the "lost sheep of Israel", was used by God in the conversion of Cornelius a Gentile.

So we should never consider our talents too few, or our position too lowly, but trust God to use us to His honor, that the body of Christ might be strengthened.

As the Father, Spirit, Son,
"Three" are, yet are truly One,
So the church's unity
One alone in love shall be.

Z.H. 181:8

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug. 27 – Sept. 2

- M. Success Through Cooperation. Nehemiah 4:1-6
- T. Jesus' Prayer. John 17:9-17
- W. A Proof to the World. John 17:8-26
- T. Cooperation in the Church. Acts 2:42-47
- F. *Ministry by the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- S. *Relationship of Believers. 1 Corinthians 12:12-21
- S. *Functions of Believers. 1 Corinthians 12:22-31

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