

Are You Doing Your Part?

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Introduction

1. We want to read some passages that show every member of the Lord's church has a part – Eph. 4: 11 – 16; Rom. 12: 3 – 8; I Cor. 12: 13 – 28
2. If a local congregation is going to grow, every member is going to have to do his part.
3. God has set every member in the body – I Cor. 12:18 – and He expects every “*joint*” to supply its part – Eph. 4:16.
4. Since there is a need for every member in the body to do his work, we ask:
 - a. Are all the members of the body HERE doing their part?
 - i. What about the members with the greatest ability – are you doing MUCH??
 - ii. What about the least members? Are you doing what you can??
5. Since we do have a responsibility as members of the body of Christ to do our part, let us learn about it.

I. UPON WHAT DOES OUR PART DEPEND?

- a. It depends upon our ABILITY.
 - i. In the parable of the “Talents” the man (master) gave to every man (his servants) “*according to his ability*” – Matt. 25:15.
 - ii. The disciples at Antioch – “*every man according to his ability*” – Acts 11:29.
 - iii. ABILITY means: the quality or state of being able; power to perform.
 - iv. Do you have the ABILITY to:
 1. Teach?
 2. Be an elder?
 3. Be a preacher?
 4. Be a deacon?
 5. To lead prayer or singing?
 6. To do private teaching in homes?
- b. Your part depends upon KNOWLEDGE.
 - i. Luke 12:48; Heb. 5: 12 -14
 - ii. A babe in Christ cannot be an elder, preacher, or teacher – I Tim. 3:6.
 - iii. Christians must grow in knowledge – 2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Tim. 2:15.
- c. It depends upon our OPPORTUNITIES.
 - i. This is a principle that Paul taught the Galatians – Gal. 6:10.
 - ii. The Philippians had cared for Paul from the beginning, but for a while had lacked opportunity to help him – Phil. 4:10.

II. IN WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE A PART?

- a. The WORSHIP of the church.
 - i. Singing – Eph. 5:19
 - ii. Praying – Acts 2:42

- iii. Lord's Supper – I Cor. 11: 29
- iv. Giving – I Cor. 16: 1 – 2
- v. Teaching
- b. In the work of the church – Eph. 4:12
 - i. Perfecting the saints
 - ii. Work of the ministry
 - iii. Edifying of the body of Christ

III. WHY DO NOT ALL DO THEIR PART?

- a. Some members are SLOTHFUL, SLUGGISH, IDLE, and LAZY in the work of the kingdom of God.
 - i. The one talent man was a "*wicked and slothful servant*" – Matt. 25:26
 - ii. Rom. 12:11; Heb. 6:12; Rev. 3:19
- b. Some are IGNORANT.
 - i. Willingly ignorant – 2 Pet. 3:5; Heb. 5: 12 -14
- c. Some are INDIFFERENT
 - i. They are lukewarm, careless about doing their part – Rev. 3: 15 – 16.
- d. Some have SELFISH INTERESTS – they think of self-interests before the Lord's interests – 2 Tim. 3:1 – 5.
 - i. That seems to be the trouble of the man whom the Lord invited to "*follow me*", but said, "*Lord, suffer me first to go bury my father*" – Luke 9: 59 – 60.
 - ii. The trouble with those bidden to the great supper – Luke 14:16 – 20.

CONCLUSION

Are you doing your part Christian friend???

Are you here and not a Christian?

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