

WHAT YOU CAN DO

WHAT EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

~ Ephesians 4:16

1. You are Particularly Needed

- a. Saying you have a special talent/gift and a wonderful plan for your life is ignorant
- b. 1 Cor 12:27 - You are part of a body with many members, you need to find your place
- c. You have a mission from the Lord Jesus Christ as members of the Body of Christ
- d. The pinnacle of spiritual perfection is not to be pastor/teacher which is one member
- e. One member does not constitute the whole body – a car needs every part
- f. If you are limited in ability, know how, time, etc – welcome to the body
 - i. 1) Everyone has limitations, which is why you are needed
 - ii. 2) You have the same spiritual blessings, access, mission as every member

2. The Overlooked and Desperately Needed

- a. Spiritual work is often unseen, invisible, silent, underneath, from the inside
- b. Urbane, Mary – they helped and laboured much – Rom 16:6,9
- c. Tertius – the forgotten writer of Romans – Rom 16:22-23
- d. "*apt to teach*" is not the only aptitude – conversation, comforting, help, etc.
- e. To help requires knowing what needs done; you can help someone do wrong: beware

3. Needed People to Be Present

- a. "*and their house*" – What were they? An encouragement. Rom 16:10,11, 14,15
- b. Fellow prisoners – Junia Rom 16:7, Aristarchus Col 4:10, Epaphras Phm 23
- c. Weak, feeble, afflicted are necessary to prove the love of others – 1Co 12:22; 1 Th 5:14
- d. Bringer of joy – 1Th 5:16, 1:19-20 – by your faith, work, desire, praise, participation
 - i. A solid plant that does not bear fruit is frustrating. Joy is the fruit.
- e. "*mutual faith both of you and me*" – Rom 1:12 – half the work is showing up, Col 4:11
- f. A good example, bringing to remembrance – 1Co 4:17; 1 Tim 4:6

4. Helping the Helpers

- a. Phebe our sister – help those women who helped me - Rom 16:1-2
 - i. A succourer, and of myself – she was a helping hand, Paul was asking for elbows
- b. "comfort one another" – 1 Thess 4:18; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 7:6-7; 7:13-14
- c. "communicating to necessities" – Phil 4:15-19; necessary uses – Titus 3:8, 3:14
- d. "piety at home" and the mundance provision and refreshment – 1 Tim 5:4,8; 5:10
- e. Every joint supplies by the effectual working - Eph 4:15-16; 1 Thess 2:13
 - i. You with Christ are able to do – Phil 4:13, Eph 3:20-21
 - ii. You in Christ are ordained to be useful – Eph 2:10
 - iii. You in Christ are special (particular) – take your place!