

In The Church (Family)

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Scripture text: --Romans 12:-45 niv

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# Aim Of This Lesson—

To understand the importance of God's people working together as a team.

### Let us begin by showing:

- 1. The Church/Body/Family is composed of members.
- 2. Things that hinder teamwork in the Church must be eliminated.
- 3. Each member must contribute.

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#### I CORINTHIANS 12:13-14 niv

<sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

### 1. The Church/Body/Family is composed of members.

#### Mark 16:16 niv

<sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

#### **Acts 2:47** *niv*

<sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- 1. The Church/Body/Family is composed of members.
  - The church is composed of many members from a variety of backgrounds possessing different talents.
  - Potential for great good—if a spirit of teamwork prevail.

### 2. Things that hinder teamwork in the Church must be eliminated.

#### I Corinthians 12:15-17 niv

<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

#### I Corinthians 12: 21, 25 niv

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

### 2. Things that hinder teamwork in the Church must be eliminated.

#### Numbers 12:1-2 niv

<sup>1</sup>Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. <sup>2</sup> "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

Things that interfere with teamwork are detrimental to the Church and must be eliminated.

#### **Numbers 16:1-3** *niv*

<sup>1</sup>Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent <sup>2</sup> and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. <sup>3</sup> They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD's assembly?"

### 3. Each member must contribute.

#### **Romans 12:6-8 niv**

<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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#### I Peter 4:10-11 niv

<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### 3. Each member must contribute.

• When each member does what he/she is able to do, the church will be edified, and it will increase.

### Ephesians 4:16 niv

<sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

• When a spirit of teamwork prevails among God's people, the church will be blessed, and the Lord will be glorified.

### The Plan of Salvation

**Hear Romans 10:13-17** 

Believe John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

**Repent Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30** 

Confess Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

**Baptism** Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



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