

EVERY MAN IN HIS PLACE

Text: Judges 7:21

INTRO: Judges 7 tells of how an army of 300 men went out against an army of 135,000, scored a tremendous victory & freed Israel from bondage. A deciding factor in the victory was that every member of Gideon's army was faithful & determined.

The church of the Lord today can win great victories over sin and worldliness only when every member is in his place.

I. EACH MEMBER IS IMPORTANT.

1 Cor 12:12-22 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Eph 4:14-16 We should no longer be children, tossed to & fro & carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

II. EACH HAS A PLACE AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE.

Acts 20:7

III. EACH HAS A PLACE IN PRAISING GOD IN SONG.

Eph 5:19 Speaking to one another in psalms & hymns & spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching & admonishing one another in psalms & hymns & spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

IV. EACH HAS A PART IN FINANCING THE WORK OF THE LORD.

1 Cor 16:2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

2 Cor 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

V. EACH MEMBER IS IMPORTANT IN THE BIBLE STUDY.

Rom 1:11-12 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established--that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

VI. EACH HAS A PART IN LIFTING UP PRAYERS TO GOD.

Acts 12:12, He came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

1 Cor 14:16, How will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks,

VI. EACH HAS A PART IN SETTING THE RIGHT EXAMPLE BEFORE THOSE THAT WE LIVE AMONG.

Matt. 5:13-16

Phil 2:14-16, Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked & perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16holding fast the word of life

VI. EACH HAS A PLACE IN SPREADING THE GOSPEL TO
OTHERS. Acts 8:1, 4

tracts, invitations, conversations

VII. THERE IS A GREAT WORK TO BE DONE. EACH OF US
CAN HAVE A PART IN ACCOMPLISHING THAT WORK.

Luke 10:2, Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great,
but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into His harvest.

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