

Pastor Kris Beckert A Working Body

June 21, 2015 1 Corinthians 12:21-31

Have you ever been part of a group that worked well? What was it like?

Have you ever been part of a group that did not work well?

I. If you’re part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you’re part of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 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. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

* Use of common 1st century illustration (v.12)
* Body = σῶμα, soma - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II. Two Toxins that Destroy the Body:

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1. The Toxin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 12:15-20 *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. 16 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. 17 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? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.*

* Feelings of inferiority (v.15-16)
* Feelings of superiority (v.17)
* But Body is arranged by God (v.18)

 2. The Toxin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 12:21-27 *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!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

* All parts are needed (v.21)
* “unpresentable” parts = sexual parts (v.23)
* Differences should not lead to division but to care (v.24-26)
* *You* - ὑμεῖς, *hymeis* = plural form of “you” (v.27)

Is there anyone you rejoice with? Is there anyone you suffer with?

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Have you ever been part of a group that worked well?
2. Have you ever been part of a group that did not work well?
3. Which toxin affects you more? How does it affect your relationships to and in the Body of Christ?
4. Who do you rejoice with? Who do you suffer with?
5. When/where have you experienced the Body of Christ?

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