

PURSUING RIGHTEOUSNESS IN PRAYER

“Prayer is the key and faith unlocks the door”

“And if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and members individually.”

1 Corinthians 12: 26; 27 NKJV

REMEMBERING MY POSITION GIVES HONOR TO MY PURPOSE

Recently I learned of a certain man that was vaulted to celebrity status because of the magnificence of his upper physique. Lou Ferrigno and Arnold Schwarzenegger found inspiration for their achievements from this man. This man, and rightfully so I might add, was extremely proud of his massive physique and strength. In no time at all, he was the demand of body sculptors, body builders and body doubles. Finally he landed a long awaited movie deal. This would feature his massive body to admirers' world wide. One day this man went out walking with a friend. While they walked the man stepped on a nail. Not willing for his friend to see him in pain, he never broke stride or even looked to see the nail. He continued walking without a limp and over looked the pain of his deeply punctured foot. The man ignored this injury and continued to promote his celebrated upper body, drawing strength from the celebrations he endure the pain of his foot. One day as he was shooting the pentacle piece of his life, he suddenly fell to his knees. He was rushed to the hospital, where emergency surgery was done to remove his right foot.

Are we this man, Canaan Church? Do we get so wrapped up in the celebration of the healthy and esteemed members, that we over look the importance of the lesser noticed silent member. Now don't get my message wrong, I'm not pointing any finger of guilt at any one in particular. But the bible teaches us that we should examine ourselves. Are we not one body in Christ? Are there members of our one body that are suffering in silence among us? Our focus scripture tells us that when one is blessed by God, we all should partake of the celebration; and when one is struck down with tragedy, we all should join in the mourning. Far too often members of our body are found suffering in silence; and some to the point of wondering am I really part of the body? Is saying "I didn't know about that or no one ever told me things were that bad," a good enough excuse for God? Or is Paul telling us that we should be so connected that if any member of the body falls, we all should at least stumble. I have found that even when I stump my little "pinky" toe, my whole body is disoriented for a while.

This year Canaan is in pursuit of a "Return to Holiness." Is this a call from God for us to remember our position so that our purpose is honored? Even the chronic offender in our body serves a purpose for the body. Jesus said, of Judas Iscariot that it was his purpose so that the scriptures might be fulfilled. In our body we will have members suffering in silence. But should we not strive to promote them to tell us their pains. Even Paul, in his letters to the Churches, spoke of his perils. But the Holy Spirit also gives us discernment about the silent sufferer. So when we remember our position it helps us to fulfill our function. For when one suffers, another may have a remedy and yet another may find a solution. Together we all are edified unto Christ and God is gloried before men. God has so rightly fit us into this body for His glory and honor.

((A church that prays together, grows in faith together))

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