



Wednesday Night Teaching Handout

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020

Teaching Series: Rediscover

Teaching Subject: “Getting the ‘DYS’ Out of Your Function” – Part 1

Romans 12:4 – 6 Message – ⁴⁻⁶*“In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and **function** as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously **functioning** parts in Christ’s body, let’s just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren’t.”*

- **Romans 12:4 -5 (NLT)** – *“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”*
- **Definitions:**
 - (1) **DYS** = abnormal; bad; difficult; impaired.
 - (2) **FUNCTION** = the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists: purpose.
 - Any of a group of related actions contributing to a larger action; especially the normal and specific contribution of a bodily part to the economy or a living organism.
 - (3) **DYSFUNCTION** = impaired or abnormal functioning // e.g. gastrointestinal dysfunction; Abnormal or unhealthy interpersonal behavior or interaction within a group // e.g. family dysfunction.

GOD’S VISION FOR US!

- We _____ as laborers and leaders to facilitate the _____ of the Body; Laborers and Leaders facilitate the _____ of the Body. It is the place and purpose where we _____ our gifts, graces and God-given abilities to sow, serve, support and supply to the Body for the Body to _____ fully! What should our _____ look like?
- **1st – GEOGRAPHICALLY** – God sends and sets us in a _____ (a location) within the Body to fulfill His Plan and Purpose within the Body. We work, serve, sow and labor _____ here @ TWCC!
- **2nd – NUMERICALLY** – Our assignment is _____ and _____ as Members and Ministers within the Body. Over time we can reach and impact many, many people of all ages, stages, generations, classes, colors and cultures. We make and multiply disciples and develop laborers and leaders!
- **3rd – SPIRITUALLY** – Being connected and committed within the Body and **functioning** as a vital part of the Body we contribute to the spiritual increase and impact of the Body. We each have a supply to make to the Church Body. Our spiritual supply is the first supply we are to make. This help the Church Body increase spiritually. (**Ephesians 4:15 – 16 (NLT)**)
 - **Our Spiritual Health is Scripturally Measured by:** (1) Our _____ growing; (2) Our _____ abounding towards others and (3) the persecutions and tribulations we _____ (demonstrated patience, constancy, consistency and cheerful endurance). (**1 Thessalonians 1:3**)

- **Spiritual Health Assessment:** What specific areas of our Christian life and walk should we assess to determine our spiritual HEALTH and GROWTH? (**Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 The Message**)
- (1st) **Our Life of** _____: Why? Because you were planned for God's _____.
- (2nd) **Our Life of** _____: Why? Because you were formed for God's _____.
- (3rd) **Our Life of** _____: Why? Because you were created to become like _____.
- (4th) **Our Life of** _____: Why? Because you were shaped for _____ God.
- (5th) **Our Life of** _____: Why? Because you were made for a _____.
- These 5 things help to ascertain our health and growth to determine our full functionality as a laborer and leader in the Body of Christ. This is NOT assessing just our coming to Church but our BEING the Church in a healthy, productive and fruitful way.
- **4th – SCOPE** - Serving and feeding people over time; raising spiritual babies, children, etc.; building up the Local Church Body (Family). (**Romans 11:29 (NKJV) and (AMPC)**)
 - The Scope of everyone's individual's _____ and common **PURPOSE** as a **MEMBER** and a **MINISTER** within the Body is outlined in the Word of God: (The out workings of our **functionality**):
 - 1st – **Matthew 28:19 and Acts 1:8:** Jesus tells us to be a _____ for Him.
 - 2nd – **Luke 22:26 – 27:** Jesus reveals we are to be a _____. Do we think that we only have to volunteer or are we called to be servants?

Volunteering is an ACTION.	Serving (genuine Laboring and Leading) is a ATTITUDE – a humble, Christ-like ATTITUDE.
Volunteers focus on what they GAVE.	Servants focus on what He (Jesus) gave – which provides the motive and impetus to SERVE.
Volunteers often keep SCORE. (When you start keeping score, you get frustrated and you get disgruntled and then you start getting discouraged. Don't fall into the trap of keeping SCORE.)	But Servants (genuine Laborers and Leaders) make SACRIFICES – based out of love.
Volunteers are TIME SENSITIVE. (They focus on the time. There will come NEEDS at an inconvenient TIME.	Servants are NEED SENSITIVE.
Volunteering makes us look GOOD. "Look at me..."	HUMBLY SERVING makes God look GOOD. (Its not so much as you're noticed but that He (The Lord) is noticed.
Volunteering is about CONVIENCE.	SERVING is about COMMITMENT.
Volunteering can make people feel SUPERIOR.	SERVING is about HUMILITY.

- 3rd – **Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35 and 2 Corinthians 9:7:** Jesus instructs us to be a _____.
- 4th – **Luke 18:1:** Jesus directs us to be people of _____.
- 5th – **Mark 11:22 – 24:** Jesus charges us to be people of _____.
- 6th – **John 13:34 – 35:** Jesus commands us to walk in _____.
- 7th – **Romans 8:29:** Paul, by the Holy Spirit, declares us to be like _____.

TWO TYPES OF DYSFUNCTION:

- (1) – _____ DYSFUNCTION – Dealing with dysfunction in us – particularly in our soulish areas of life, laboring or leading (our minds, our wills and/or our emotions).
 - **Some examples:** (1) Being _____ (obsession based on a lack of spiritual discipline to deny fleshly, carnal tendencies, addictive and self-sabotaging behaviors and bad habits) (2) **Being Narcissistic** (egocentrism; self-absorbed) (3) **Being Paranoid** (characterized by suspiciousness; persecutory trends or megalomania [a delusional mental illness that is marked by feelings of personal omnipotence and grandeur]; extremely fearful) (4) **Being Co-Dependent** (basically and generally - dependence on the needs of or control by another.)
 - **7 Success Killers and Causes of Intrapersonal Dysfunction in Laboring and Leading in the Body:**
 - **(1) Cynicism** – having or showing the attitude or temper of a cynic; a faultfinding critic; contemptuously distrustful or human nature and motives. You stop caring and having passion or compassion in your serving, laboring and leading in the Church. This caps your leadership and diffuses your heart in laboring – you quit and disconnect. And you move from being optimistic to being pessimistic. You can be destructive to a team's synergy when you have a critical and judgmental spirit and attitude!
 - **(2) Compromise** – a concession and yielding to something derogatory or prejudicial.
 - **(3) Disconnection** – to sever the connection of or between your authorities and accountabilities in laboring and leading. Disconnection leads to dangerous living as laborer and leader. The stragglers and strayers get attacked first by the roaring lions. Solitude is a gift from God. Isolation is tool of the devil! Stay connected!
 - **(4) Irrelevance** – Irrelevance is the **gap** between how *things* have changed and how much *you* have changed. Our message and our mission as laborers and leaders do not change; but our

methods can change. We are not just to be *faithful*, but also *fruitful*. This comes by staying _____ in your laboring and leading. Without growing, learning, studying and staying current we try to apply old solutions to new problems. We demonstrate our irrelevance by being outdated and obsolete in our laboring and leading. Stay relevant!

- **(5) Pride** – arrogance; haughtiness; lack of humility; taking and touching the glory and praise instead of giving it to the Lord; a refusal to demote yourself but instead you promote yourself.
- **(6) Burnout** – laboring and leading on EMPTY! Laborers and leaders often feel that more people mean more work, which ultimately leads to burnout. We must live in ways today to help us thrive tomorrow and create laboring, serving and leadership habits that are sustainable and scalable.
- **(7) Emptiness** – feeling like you attained and achieved all there is and there is nothing to strive or live for. Feelings of low self-worth and “I don’t I have what it takes” or “I’m too old, I’m not good enough”, etc. The antidote for emptiness is to focus on the Kingdom of God. God always has the Harvest that ripe and ready and in need of laborers and leaders!
- (2) _____ DYSFUNCTION – This is issues of unhealthiness, conflicts of interest, and/or division that exists within relationships.
 - **Relationship Challenges and Issues:** a schism; unforgiveness; unreconciled differences; disputes; boundaryless problems.
 - **Avoid the Traps of Being Offended or Being Offensive!**
 - **Making a Mental Note of and Avoiding Those Who Cause Divisions and Offenses: Romans 16:17 – 18 (NLT)** – *“17 And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people’s faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. 18 Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people.”*

LABORING AND LEADING LONG AND STRONG! (KEEPING THE DYSFUNCTION OUT OF YOUR GIFTEDNESS)

Read 1 Timothy 4:6 – 16 (NKJV)

- Staying on track in leadership and ministry is not easy! There are four (4) things that always come at you in MINISTRY and in responsibilities of _____:
 - **(#1) _____ who try to DIVERT you:** “They tell what you *SHOULD* be doing”.
 - **(#2) _____ that try to DISCOURAGE you:** “You *CAN’T* do this.”
 - **(#3) _____ that DISTRACT you:** “You don’t have *TIME* for this.”
 - **(#4) _____ that DISAPPOINT you:** “You’re not sure it will *WORK* if you do this.”
- It is easier to *LABOR* and to *DO LEADERSHIP* it than *BE A LABORER* and *A LEADER*. We have to live beyond *PEOPLE*-imposed boundaries. **SOME KEYS:**
- **1st KEY = BE AN _____ – (5 Specific Areas of Example): (1 Timothy 4:12):**

- **2nd KEY = HAVE A STRONG _____ HABIT** – This means two things (1) _____ and (2) _____. It is the DEDICATION of your heart and the DISCIPLINE of your flesh as you read and feed on the WORD OF GOD. In the dedication of your heart you learn what you’re supposed to DO; the discipline of your flesh you learn what you’re supposed to STICK to. FOCUS is the ability to see what HAS to be done, and what COULD be done and what CAN be left undone. We learn the VALUE of FOCUS with this key. **(1 Timothy 4:13). If you learn to _____ then you can learn to be FAITHFUL.**
 _____ is not doing everything but doing God’s thing. *Reading – God’s Word; spend quality time in the Word of God daily. Exhortation – Surround yourselves with people who encourage us with God and His Word. Doctrine – hang around people who help us expound the principles and practices of God’s Word. You need a private time, group/congregation time, and learning / study time.*
- **3rd KEY = MANAGE WELL YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS – (1 Timothy 4:14)** – (1) Don’t neglect or ignore it (2) Stir it up! **(2 Timothy 1:6)**
- **5 POINTS TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO NOT NEGLECT OUR GIFTS:**

