



PORTRAITS OF DISCIPLESHIP

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LESSON 7: A MEMBER OF THE BODY

The Disciple's Place

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another (Rom. 12:5)

The Church Is The Body Of Christ

- Ephesians 1:22-23

The Benefits Of Being In The Body

1. Salvation (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23)
2. Identification with Christ (1 Cor. 12:27)
3. Support and edification (Heb. 10:24-25)
4. Prayers (Acts 12:5; James 5:14-15)
5. Strength (Acts 4:32; Eccl. 4:9-12)

Responsibilities Of Being In The Body

1. Respect God's plan and purpose
(1 Cor. 12:18, 24; Rom. 12:3-8)
2. Respect the authority of Christ
(Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18, 2:19)
3. Respect other members
 - ☞ We are members of one another (Rom. 12:5)
 - ☞ Have care for one another (1 Cor. 12:25-26)
 - ☞ Keep the unity of Spirit in bond of peace
(Eph. 4:1-6)
 - ☞ Do our share (Eph. 4:16)

Diversity, Yet Equality

1. Diversity of backgrounds, but equal access to God (Gal. 3:26-28)
2. Diversity of functions, but equally important (1 Cor. 12:15-27)
3. Diversity of talents, but unity of purpose (Eph. 4:11-16)