

Weekly Morning Meditations

One Body In Christ

Monday

ONE BODY - MANY PARTS.....

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Romans 12:4-5 [KJV]

MANY 'PARTS'.....

EYES to see	HEART to love
EARS to hear	MIND to think
MOUTH to speak	BONES to protect
NOSE to smell	MUSCLES to support
HANDS to grasp	LUNGS to breathe
ARMS to embrace	KIDNEYS to cleanse
FEET to stand	LIVER to filter
LEGS to walk	STOMACH to digest

TYPES OF 'PARTS'

INDIVIDUAL vs COLLECTIVE
EXTERNAL vs INTERNAL
INTERCHANGEABLE vs IRREPLACEABLE

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

1. RECOGNIZE (*acknowledge the existence of*) your 'PARTS'
2. RESPECT (*show esteem, consideration for*) your 'PARTS'
3. RAISE (*lift up*) your 'PARTS'

*"Show your fear of God by **standing up in the presence of elderly people and showing respect for the aged**. I am the Lord. Leviticus 19:32 [NLT]*

*Love each other with genuine affection, and **take delight in honoring each other**. Romans 12:10 [NLT]*

*Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. **Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself**. Philip. 2:3 [NLT]*

Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God. Show respect for the king. 1 Peter 2:17 [NLT]

Wednesday

ONE BODY - MANY POSSIBILITIES

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THE HARD TRUTH

PARTS have FUNCTIONS	PARTS can be FAULTY
PARTS are FINITE	PARTS can FAIL

IN OTHER WORDS.....

EYES can be blinded	HEARTS can get hard
EARS can be closed	MINDS can be lost
MOUTHS can be covered	BONES can get brittle
NOSES can be STOPPED	MUSCLES can shrivel
HANDS can get stiff	LUNGS can collapse
ARMS can get weak	KIDNEYS can fail
FEET can cause falling	LIVER can fail
LEGS can get weak	STOMACHS can be upset

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

1. A 'FLAW' in DESIGN is not the same as a NEGLECT of FUNCTION
2. Some parts can only REMAIN in their PLACE
3. Some parts can be REPLACED , others CANNOT
4. When a PART FAILS or it is FAULTY, it places additional BURDEN ON OTHER PARTS
5. All 'moving' PARTS need 'OIL' to reduce wear and tear

*And we know that all things work together for good to **them that love God**, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 [KJV]*

*The one who plants and the one who waters **work as a team with the same purpose**. Yet they will be rewarded individually, according to their own hard work. 1 Cor. 3:8 [NLT]*

*For we are each responsible **for our own conduct**. Galatians 6:5 [NLT]*

Friday

ONE BODY - IN CHRIST

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WHY CHRIST?

*And **he (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church**: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. Col. 1:18 [KJV]*

THE FUNCTION OF THE 'HEAD'

- COLLECTION OF INPUT
- INTERPRETATION OF INPUT
- DISPATCHING OF INSTRUCTIONS

THE MAJOR QUALIFICATIONS OF THE 'HEAD'

OMNISCIENCE
HOLINESS
SOVEREIGN
SELF-EXISTENCE
ETERNAL

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY

1. LET JESUS LEAD YOU
2. LEAN ON JESUS
3. YOU CAN DEPEND ON GOD

*The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. **I will advise you and watch over you**. Psalm 32:8 [NLT]*

*Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and **follow me**. Matthew 16:24 [NLT]*

*For **I can do everything with the help of Christ** who gives me the strength I need. Philip. 4:13 [NLT]*