

Sermon Notes

Other Duties as Assigned - 1Cor 12:7

October 4, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. every family has that one person who's a little hard to be around... a little annoying, crazy, off... if you don't know who that is... well...

If you want to change the world, go home and love your family. Mother Teresa

- b. our vision is for you to find family here... easier to find Jesus and find grace when you've found family first... families are places of encouragement...
Psa 36:8... "abundance is in Your house... drink from river of Your delights..."
Psa 68:6... "God places lonely in families... sets prisoners free... gives joy..."
Rom 1:12... "encourage you in your faith... be encouraged by yours..."
Heb 10:24-25... "motivate one another to love... encourage one another..."
- c. responsibilities in a family... other duties as assigned for my staff... what does that look like in church and how does it affect us... pray...
1Cor 12:7... "spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other..."
Eph 3:10... "God's purpose is to use the church to display His wisdom..."

II. Other Duties

- a. huge benefits to being in God's family... inheritance given to kids...
Psa 111:6... "He has given His people the inheritance of the nations..."
John 1:12... "all who believe... become children... all who receive..."
Rom 8:17-32... "if children, heirs... freely give us all things..."
Acts 20:32... "grace is able to build you up and give you an inheritance..."
Eph 1:11-22... "in Jesus... we receive inheritance... all for benefit of church..."
1Pet 1:4... "priceless inheritance... kept in heaven... beyond change or decay..."
- b. what's healthy church family look like... remember, no church is perfect... grace is for people who aren't perfect... no gsc...
1Cor 13:4-8... "love is patient, kind... does not keep record of wrongs..."
Eph 4:11-16... "equip God's people... until we all come to unity in faith..."
Phil 3:12-18... "have not reached perfection... forget past, look forward..."
1Pet 4:8... "love each other deeply... love covers a multitude of sins..."
- c. doesn't mean families overlook sin... sin is always destructive... love sets people free... extend grace... power to overcome sin, not ignore it...
Rom 3:20... "knowledge of sin comes thru the law..."
Rom 5:20... "law increases sin... where sin increased, grace increased more..."
Rom 6:1-15... "sin will not rule... because you are under grace, not law..."
Titus 2:11-12... "grace instructs us to deny sin... live righteous and godly..."

As a result of grace, we have been saved from sin's penalty. One day we will be saved from sin's presence. In the meantime, we are being saved from sin's power.

Alistair Begg

- d. Unconditional Love
what other duties is this church called to... not to always agree, but always to love... division is a choice... people who seek division not welcome here...
Rom 8:37-39... "nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus..."
1John 4:7-21... "we love each other... because He first loved us..."
Mark 3:20-30... "a house divided against itself... cannot stand..."
1Cor 1:10-17... "let there be no divisions in church... united in purpose..."
- e. Relationships, not Recruits
churches can use people, families don't... don't have kids just to work for you... want people to serve with joy, not because they're forced to...
1Cor 10:31... "whatever you do... do everything for the glory of God..."
2Cor 9:7... "do as you decide in your heart... God loves a cheerful giver..."
Gal 5:13... "serve one another with love..."
Heb 6:10... "God won't forget your love for Him as you served others..."
- f. Genuine
often homes are messy, lived in... church can be spotless, sterile... life takes place in a home... want AL to be genuine, honest, real...
Prov 11:3... "honesty guides good people... dishonesty destroys treacherous..."
Matt 15:8... "these people honor me with lips... but hearts far from me..."
2Cor 8:21... "careful thought to do what is right... before God and people..."
Titus 1:16... "claim to know God... but deny Him in the way they live..."
- g. Receive
parents provide, children receive... child who doesn't receive, doesn't live... pastor is not provider, but receiver... follow him in receiving, not earning...
Psa 116:12-13... "how can I replay... take the cup of salvation... praise Him..."
Dan 7:18... "holy ones of Most High... receive kingdom and possess forever..."
Rom 5:17... "receive (PA)... overflow of grace... gift of righteousness... reign..."
1Cor 4:7... "what do you have you didn't receive (take what is one's own)..."
- h. Empower
good families let go of control... many churches seek control... kids must have personal revelation of Jesus in order to grow... not revelation of others...
Psa 78:4... "we will not hide these truths from our children... we will tell..."
Dan 1:17... "God gave these young men knowledge and understanding..."
Luke 8:13... "having no root... believe for awhile... fall away in testing..."
2Tim 3:15... "you were taught scripture... wisdom to receive salvation..."
- i. Dream
healthy children dream... healthy families encourage dreaming... healthy churches have visions, goals... noble failures celebrated, not condemned...
Psa 16:7-9... "the Lord guides me... even at night my heart instructs me..."
Psa 126... "Lord restored... like those who dream... filled with joy..."
Jer 29:11... "plans for you... for good... to give you future and a hope..."
Joel 2:28... "pour out HS... sons, daughters... prophesy, dreams, visions..."
- j. purpose, vision, mission... foundation... other duties... AL wants to help point you to Jesus and fulfill your God-given destiny... pray...
Eph 1:5-7... "His unchanging plan was to adopt us into His own family..."
Eph 2:10... "we are God's masterpiece... created in Christ to do good works..."
Eph 3:20... "to Him who is able to do above and beyond all we ask or think..."
2Tim 1:9... "this was God's plan... to show us His grace thru Christ..."

Serve

Prov 11:25... *the one who refreshes others will be refreshed...*

We are here taught the great lesson, that **to get, we must give**... that to accumulate, we must scatter... that to make ourselves happy, we must make others happy... and that in order to become spiritually vigorous, we must **seek the spiritual good of others**.

In watering others, we are ourselves watered. How? Our **efforts to be useful, bring out our powers for usefulness**.

We have latent talents and dormant faculties, which are brought to life by exercise. Our strength for labour is hidden even from ourselves, until we venture forth to fight the Lord's battles, or to climb the mountains of difficulty.

We do not know what tender sympathies we possess until we try to dry the widow's tears, and soothe the orphan's grief.

We often find **in attempting to teach others, that we gain instruction for ourselves**. Oh, what gracious lessons some of

us have learned at sick beds! We went to teach the Scriptures, we came away blushing that we knew so little of them.

In our converse with poor saints, we are taught the way of God more perfectly for ourselves and get a deeper insight into divine truth. So that **watering others makes us humble**. We discover how much grace there is where we had not looked for it; and how much the poor saint may outstrip us in knowledge.

Our own comfort is also increased by our working for others.

We endeavour to cheer them, and the consolation gladdens our own heart.

Like the two men in the snow; one chafed the other's limbs to keep him from dying, and in so doing kept his own blood in circulation, and saved his own life.

The poor widow of Sarepta **gave** from her scanty store a supply for the prophet's wants, and from that day she **never again knew what want was**. Give then, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and running over.

Charles Spurgeon

Morning and Evening Devotional – August 21st

Sermon Study

Other Duties - 1Cor 12:7 - October 4, 2020

1. **Mother Teresa** said... *if you want to change the world, go home and love your family*. How does that apply practically to you?
2. Read **Psa 36:8... Psa 68:6... Rom 1:12... Heb 10:24-25**. How are you **finding** abundance, freedom, and encouragement at AL?
3. What is a **benefit** of being in God's family? Read **Psa 111:6... Rom 8:17-32... Acts 20:32... Eph 1:11-22... 1Pet 1:4**. How do you **become part** of God's family? Read **John 1:12**. Are you a child?
4. How would you describe a **healthy church**? Read **1Cor 13:4-8... Eph 4:11-16... Phil 3:12-18... 1Pet 4:8**. Does that describe **AL**?
5. Read thru the **six duties** and their corresponding scriptures listed in the sermon notes... unconditional love... relationships... genuine... receive... empower... dream. Which is **most important** to you?
6. Read **1Cor 12:7**. What **gift** has God given you? Are you using that to **serve others**? If not, **how can you** do so?

God loves with a great love the man whose heart is bursting with a passion for the impossible. William Booth

Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God. William Carey