

Those to Serve

(B) Kevin Grant
(FV) Calvin Burks
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
Announcements: Judd Wall
Singing: Mike Mallett

December 21st

First day of Winter

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 29th

Noon Fellowship

December 31st

New Years Eve

January 5th

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Virgina Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Prayer List:

Willis Hughes
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement

Guest Speaker

December 29th

**Lynn Parker
and Family will be
visiting**

Quotes & Sayings

- *What Should Not Be Heard By Little Ears, SHOULD NOT Be Said By Big Mouths.*
- *He that cannot obey, cannot command. Benjamin Franklin*
- *The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things. Ronald Reagan*

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Different Kinds of Rocks

By Jeff Arnette

What is the difference between a diamond and a gold nugget? The most obvious differences are visual. One looks clear and the other is yellow in color. The biggest differences are not visible but material. One is soft, malleable, while the other is hard, able to cut through almost anything. Both can be shaped into amazing and beautiful jewelry but each is different in their own special ways.

So, it is with the church. Each of us is unique and special in our own ways. While the differences are often easily seen, the differences run much deeper. We are all unique, special, and valuable and have all been gifted by our God with special talents, abilities, and meant to benefit His church and people in vastly different ways.

The point that I want to emphasize to you is that like that diamond or nugget of gold, we are not meant to be the same. Understanding this is vital to our success and our relationships within the church. We are not supposed to be the same or do the same things. Some of are gifted evangelists but some of us are not. Some of us are gifted encouragers but some of us are not. Some of us are gifted listeners, always there to listen and support someone else, but some of us are not. Some of us are leaders, teachers, singers, thinkers, and dreamers. We cannot expect everyone to think or act just like one part of the body of Christ. It's unrealistic, unscriptural, and just not fair to expect everyone to be the same.

Beginning in 1 Corinthians 12:12, Paul speaks of this glorious truth. We are one body with many members and if one part should feel like they are not valuable or needed in the body because they don't look like or do the things that another part of the body does that doesn't mean they are not needed. It doesn't mean they are not a faithful part of the body. It is unfair to expect the hand to be like the eye or the foot to be like the ear. The old saying goes, "if you judge a fish by his ability to climb a tree, it will spend its life feeling like a failure." The same is true in the church. If you judge everyone by your standard of what faithfulness is or what everyone should be doing, some are going to excel while the rest are made to feel like failures.

In vs. 21, Paul attacks this problem from the opposite perspective. If a person, a part of the body looks at another part of the body and declares they are not good enough, not faithful enough because they are not doing what you are doing

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You have judged your brother or sister by a standard you set and placed expectations on them that God never intended. In fact, Paul says, those parts of the body you think insignificant and unimportant because their God given talents are not like yours are indispensable. God placed them in the body and has given them talents per His will, not ours.

The goal of God is that we will all be a vital and connected part of the body. That there will be no divisions in the body so that all of us are honored for our contributions without being made to feel like we don't measure up. Our goal is not to be like everyone (Mark 14:3-9) else but to use the gifts and talents God has given us to the best of our ability for His glory.

We are all valuable, gifted by God, and vital to the success of the church. Don't ever think that because you are not passionate about the same thing or gifted like someone else you are inferior to them and don't unfairly expect others to be like you. We need everyone, with their special talents, experiences, and gifts. God's perfect plan is never wrong.

The Average

If a man were to stand with one foot on a hot stove and one foot in a freezer, some statistician would assert that, on average, he's comfortable.

This reminds me of some who seem to feel that they can come to church on Sunday and yet live like the devil during the week. They say that they are, on the average, pretty good people.

Such a person cannot be "comfortable" any more than the man with his foot on the stove and the other in a freezer. He is "a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). He has only enough religion to be miserable, but not enough to go to heaven.

Our Lord does not prefer an average. He wants his people to be either "cold or hot." The average nauseates Him. He will spew out of his mouth those who are lukewarm (Rev. 3:15-16).

Brother, you had better get all the way on the Lord's side now, lest you spend eternity with the devil.