

Lesson 07/17/05

A STRONG BODY - I Cor. 12:1-31 (vs. 4-11)

1. One Spirit - Anybody with more than one spirit is in trouble

Ex: Schizophrenia - possessed, voices, split personalities

a. As each member saturates itself in God's Word, they become one spirit.

b. Not my will but thine be done - Luke 22:42 The heart of one spirit - the Spirit of God

c. Matt. 5:8-9 - the maniac of Gadara - man possessed with many spirits changed to worship Jesus (vs.18)

2. Active Members - vs. 12-20

Every part of the body functions for the benefit of the whole (vs. 8)

a. God gives us gifts (abilities) to enable us to benefit the singular action of the body.

b. An inactive or dysfunctional member disables the potential of the body.

c. Nutrition is necessary for the health.

1. God's Word - read and study

2. Prayer - Pray about everything

3. Meditation - rejuvenates the soul

d. Exercise is necessary for strength

1. Regular use of gifts

2. Participation in activity

3. Stretching abilities

3. Regard for others - (vs. 15-26)

Each body must care for the well-being of the other parts by functioning properly.

a. A single cell abnormally growing in size is cancerous and harmful to the whole body.

b. Other parts of the body must compensate for a member not properly functioning.

c. Compensating parts suffer. They are not operating in their own capacities.