

Daily Devotional, August 18, 2020 **Becoming “He”**

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

There is a greater framework to life than just living for one's self. A life that is fixated on *self* is persistently discouraged and unable to attain its full potential. Its persistent element of doubt ignores any element of wise counsel and simply appeals to individuals who are insecure in their own skin. On the other hand, those who pray for what's best for the entirety of all, grow to be complete. Each Person is lifted up in an atmosphere where the contributions of the individual are respected. “*We*” and not “*me*” is the language of those who hold each other in high regard.

Every single disciple is more powerful when they are connected to other believers in Christ. Seclusion promotes spiritual weakness but being in community provides spiritual life. Support and culpability are elevated in relations that provide what is best for the group. A leader who attends to the team sees other team members serve properly. A person who serves their family experiences a family that tends to one another. “*We*” overpowers “*me*” when selfless service prevails.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Our spiritual birth inspires us as a partners in the body of Christ. We cannot separate a member of the Lord's body any more than a member of our physical body can be disconnected from the other body parts. So, we pray for those around us who know Christ and in turn we get to know one another more intimately. And the joy of being known and knowing others who love Christ is indescribable! Life that is *truly* life is lived on the fringes with those others who have submitted themselves to our Savior, Jesus.

What is your motivation? Are you first moved by “*He*”, second by “*we*” and lastly by “*me*”? If you are, then congratulations! You are prepared for relational fulfillment. The cycle for fruitful thinking is 1st-- Him, 2nd-- them and lastly-- you. “*Me*” will try to wedge its way back in and dominate your relationships, disorient conversations and commandeer heaven's agenda. Therefore, by the grace of God, put the “*me*” beast to death, and substitute in its place, love for the Lord and its people. “*We*” not “*me*” is the credo of mature, full grown followers of Jesus

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:8

Prayer: Lord, help me to look out for the needs of others ahead of my own as I seek Your pleasure through my prayers and service. Help me to firmly establish Your ways in my inner thoughts and being, so that “We” will crowd out the importance of “me” in every aspect of my life. In your grace I pray, Amen.