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June 27, 2021

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God Deserves

Our Full

Attention!!!

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65TH ST CHURCH OF CHRIST

WE ARE A GROUP OF PEOPLE SEEKING TO DO
EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.

Speaking where the Bible Speaks, Silent Where
The Bible is Silent - Doing Bible Things in Bible
Ways, calling Bible things by Bible names



VISITORS

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West 65th Street

CHURCH OF CHRIST

*A church that
loves God,
His Word,
and People.*



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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY A.M. BIBLE STUDY: 9:00

SUNDAY A.M. ASSEMBLY: 10:00

SUNDAY P.M. ASSEMBLY: 5:00

WED. P.M. BIBLE STUDY: 7:00



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**SOMETIMES THE BEST
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BY JARROD M. JACOBS / FROM RON HALBROOK / SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Do we have a problem with listening to too much? Sometimes we hear things said about us that are really none of our business. Why do we listen, and why do we take these words to heart? Solomon teaches us a hard lesson in Ecclesiastes 7:21, but it's a lesson that will help us immensely if learned.

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The Holy Spirit inspired the following: "Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee." What a lesson! In a time when we want to hear all, and when social media allows us to hear it, let's go back and listen to Solomon. He reminds us that this isn't always a good idea! "Take no heed" means essentially, don't take it seriously. I've had to tell people (and tell myself), "consider the source!" This is the essence of Ecclesiastes 7:21.

Don't listen, nor take to heart everything that falls out of someone's mouth (or keyboard). An enemy doesn't have your best interests in mind, anyway. Someone may ask, "What if it's a friend saying harmful things?" As someone once told me,

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As I thought about Ecclesiastes 7:21, I also thought about that side of this "coin." You see, those harmful statements made in a moment, and yet are times when a person comes age with his sharp tongue (Prov. 5-6; 8; Ecc. 5:6). Yet, have we ever thought of the fact that perhaps some age could've been less not taken it the way we there would've been no age done if, after we someone say something remembered the words times also thine own that thou thyself likewise hast others" (Ecc. 7:22)!

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DO WE REALLY BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

ROY E. COGDILL / TRUTH MAGA

Most people are sincere in thinking that they believe in the Bible. They would certainly be very much offended if they were accused of not believing it. Yet there are very certain indications many times that we do not have the faith in the Bible as the Word of God that we need and must have if we stand approved before God. What does it mean to really believe the Bible is the Word of God?

If we really believe the Bible is the Word of God, we must accept it as the infallibly inspired revelation of God to man. This is what the Bible claims for itself, and if it is not so, the Bible is not worthy of believing at all. Moreover, a man who does not accept the Bible has no foundation on which to rest his faith in anything the Bible teaches.

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Have you ever noticed that when we buy something, we tend to see it more often in others? We see someone else driving the same kind of vehicle we drive, or wearing the same style of shirt we wear, or reading the same book we read. These activities were already present in the world, but we did not notice them as easily until they became a matter of interest to us. Consequently, we tend to believe these items appear more often than they do - because we are looking for them. Had we never created an interest in them, we would have rarely noticed their minimal presence. Having said that, consider this: if we fill our minds with fear, hate, and lust (as dominated in the news and social media), what kind of world will we see? What kind of experiences will we find in the community if we believe the world hates us, that everyone in a particular group is evil, or our mind is centered on immorality? How will we interpret the events of everyday life?

The Bible says...

The Bible says, "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and

science are defiled" (Titus 1:15). This is another way of saying we see what we want in life. If we are pure in heart, we will find pure and upright endeavors. If we are defiled, we find defiled things. Jesus said it this way, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:22-23). I believe He was referring to our outlook on life. If we have an evil heart, we will see evil in every situation. If we have faith and uprightness, we will see something else. Thus, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Our perspective and heart have a lot to do with the kind of life we experience.

If we believe the world is evil, we will act evilly. If we believe the world is good, we will act goodly.

If we believe the world is against us, we will accuse people of acting with ill-will toward us when they are not. If we want to see our self as a victim of injustice and hatred, we will see those motives in people even when they are not present. Instead, if we choose to believe the world is made

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Those In Need of Our Prayers

Updated: June 26, 2021

- 👁 **George Rumker:** St. Vincent Hospital room 4010 501-830-2185
- 👁 **Charity Moore:** - to undergo more cancer treatments 912-9117
- 👁 **Jeff & Missy Linkous :** recovering from COVID 19.
- 👁 **Stephanie Wilson:** - Still waiting for treatment — 501-231-7806
- 👁 **Debbie Stephens:** Please keep in your prayers—501-562-7391
- 👁 **Malenda Barger:** At home - Please keep in your prayers.
- 👁 **Lillian Allen:** - 501-562-6009
- 👁 **Barbara Welk:** 501-569-9510
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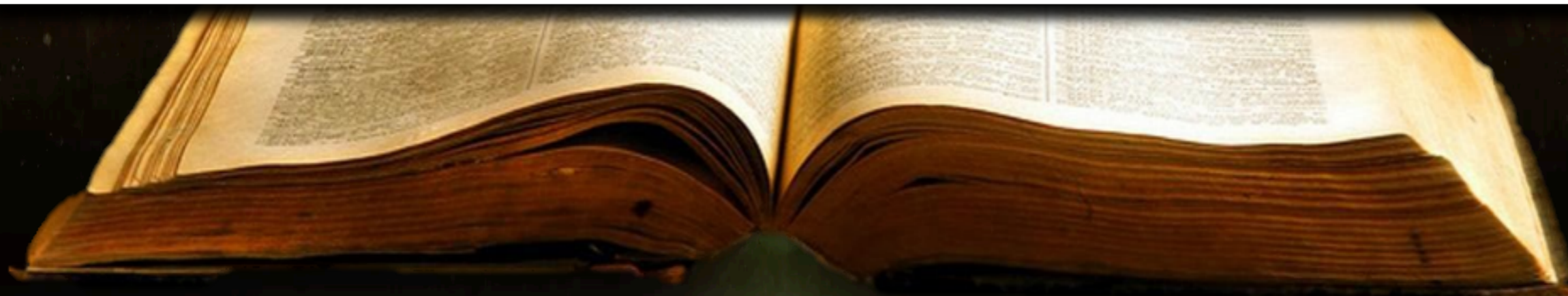
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(Romans 12:3-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:11-16)

Sunday morning lesson live stream 10:20 AM CDT June 27, 2021

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Sunday morning:

Bible class: 9:00 A.M. /

Worship: 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening: Worship



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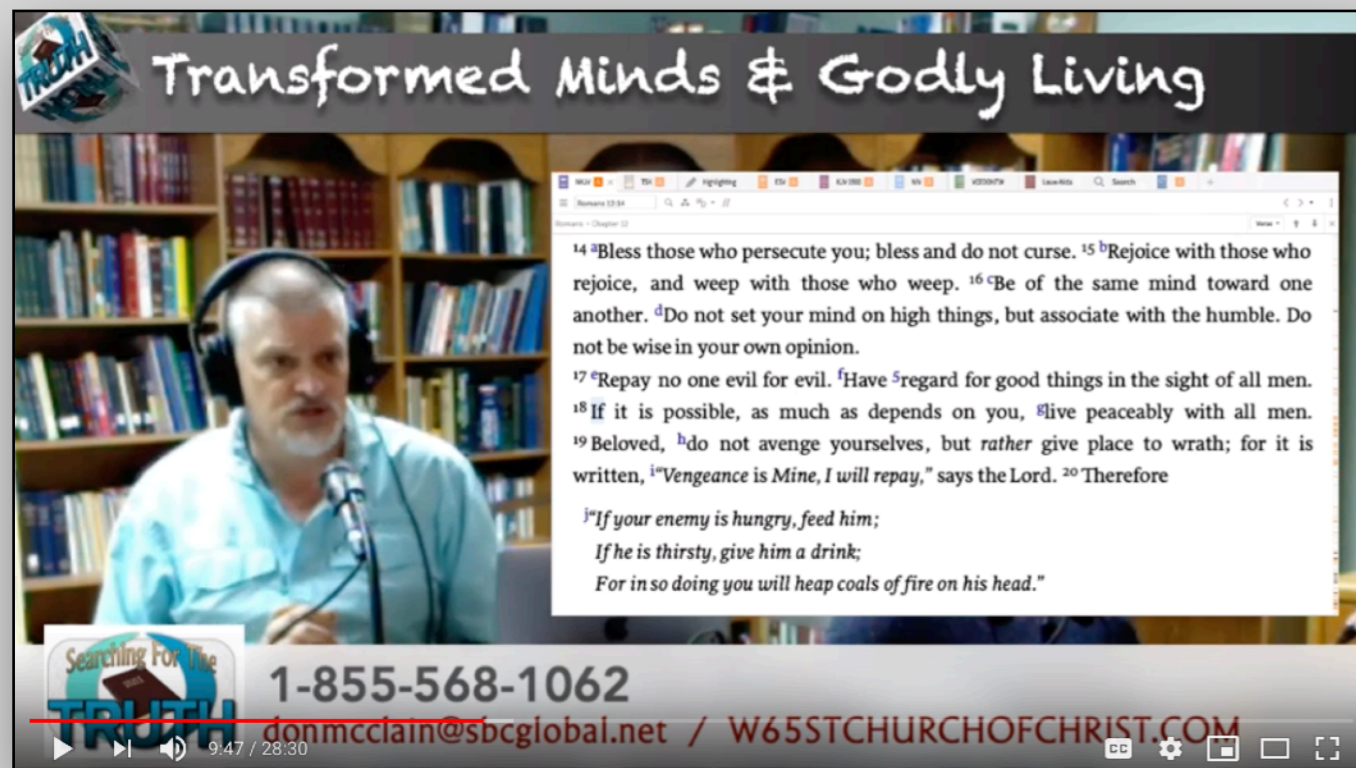
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Romans 12:3–8 (NKJV)

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Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

Our Attitude Towards The Local Church MATTERS

(Romans 12:3-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:11-16)

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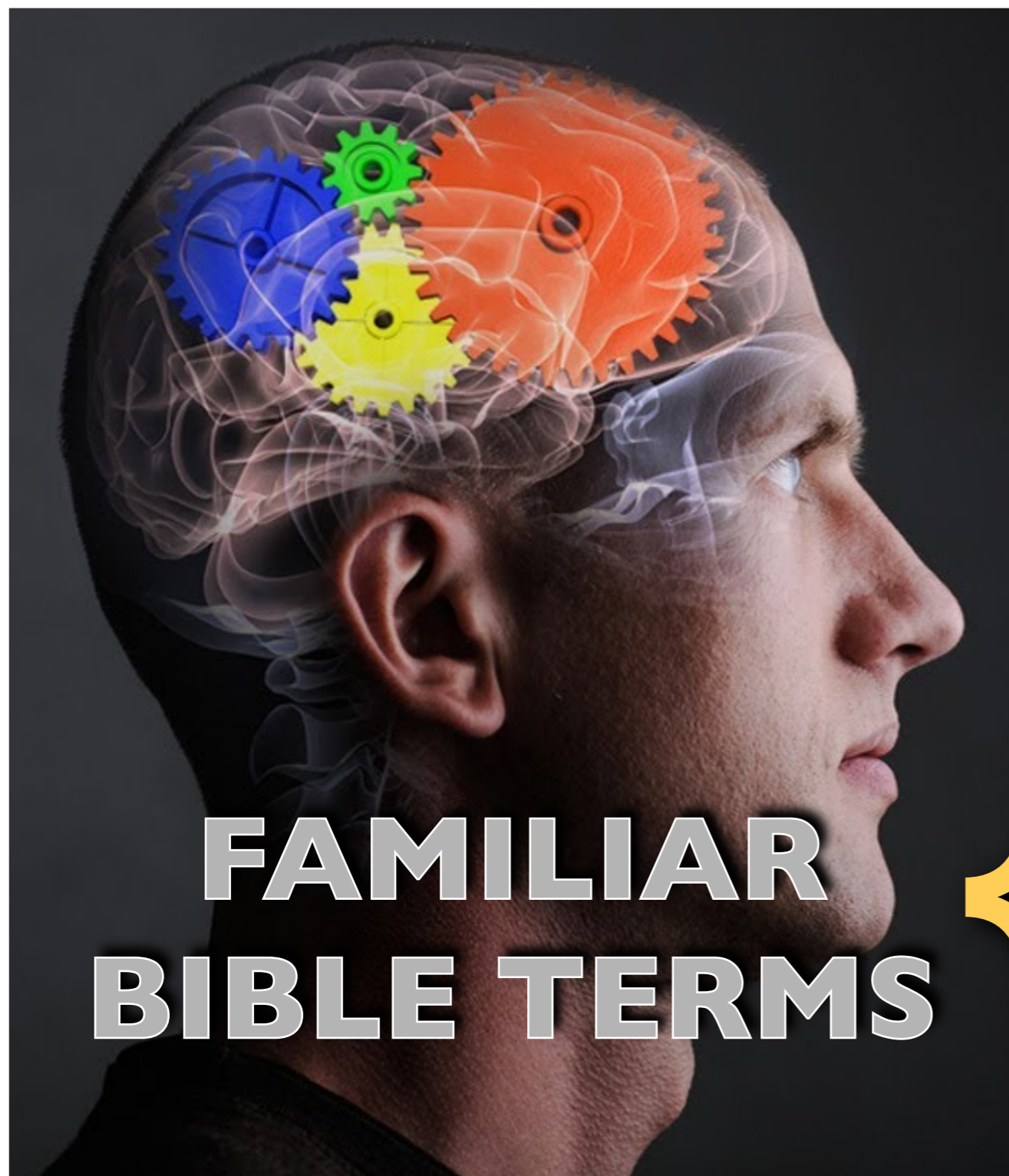


Definition of Attitude

- "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."
- "Beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event"

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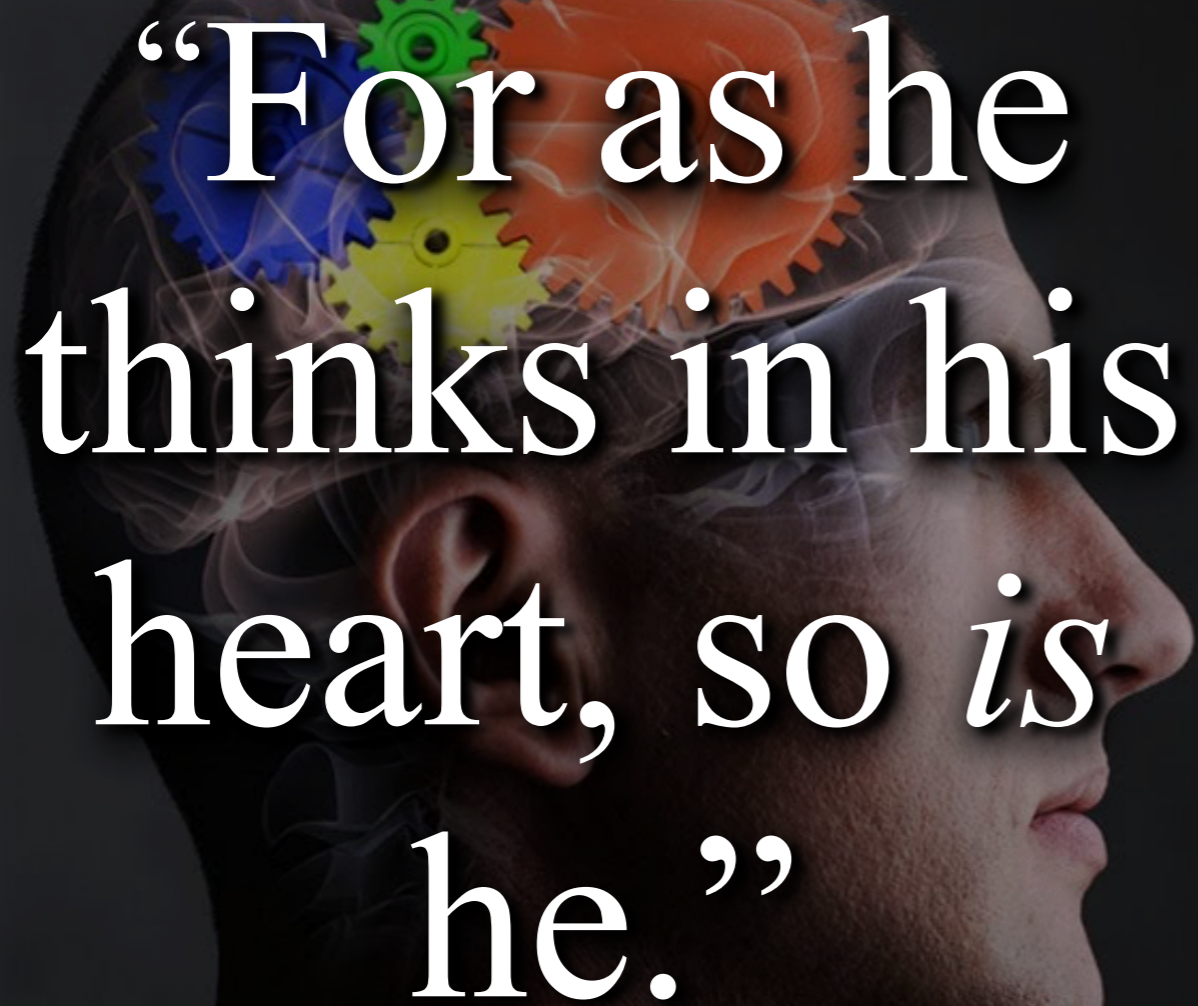
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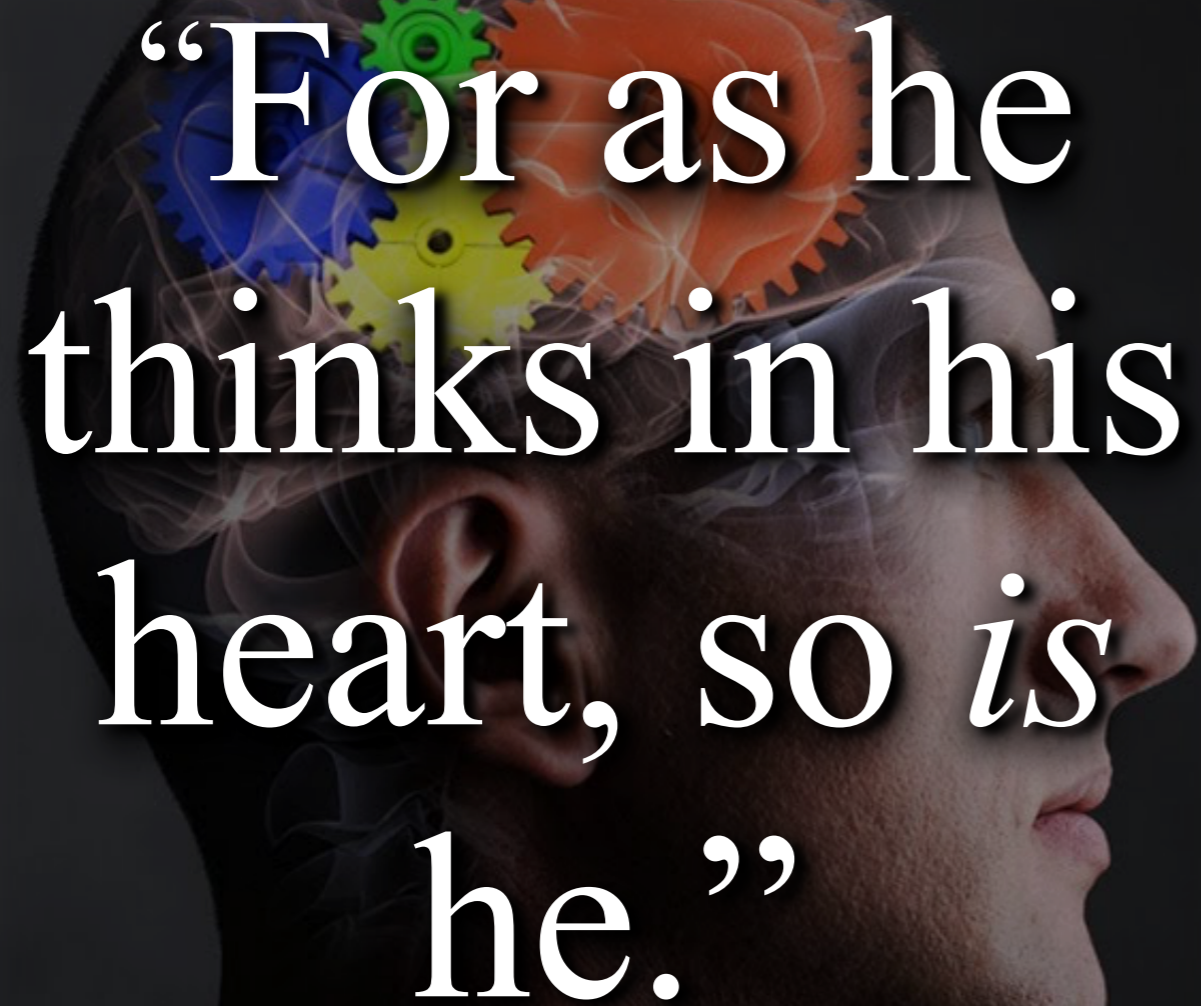
Proverbs 23:7

Components of Attitude

- **Cognitive:** Your thoughts and beliefs about the subject.
- **Affective:** How the object, person, issue, or event makes you feel.
- **Behavioral:** How attitude influences your behavior.

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- **OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD**
- **OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS SCRIPTURE**
- **OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD’S AUTHORITY**
- **OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS The CHURCH of CHRIST**
- **OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS OURSELF**
- **OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE LOCAL CHURCH ...**

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The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, looking towards a bright, glowing window in the background. The light from the window creates a strong backlighting effect, highlighting the outlines of the people and the architectural details of the church.

Psalms 122:1 (NKJV)

¹ A song of Ascents. Of David. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

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Psalm 84:2 (NKJV)

**² My soul longs, yes, even
faints For the courts of the
Lord; My heart and my flesh
cry out for the living God.**

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Psalm 84:10 (NKJV)
¹⁰ For a day in Your courts *is*
better than a thousand. I would
rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God Than dwell
in the tents of wickedness.

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¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

IF WE RESPECT, BELIEVE & LOVE GOD'S WORD ...



- ▶ We will see both the importance of & need for collective worship / for mutual support & sacrificial service / & for joint responsibility & accountability!
- ▶ We will recognize the need to seek out a faithful group of the Lord's people & identify with them in order to fulfill our share of the collective responsibilities (Acts 9:26-30)

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¹⁵ but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. — 1 Timothy 3:15 (NKJV)

UNIVERSAL ekklesia

Christians Everywhere

“I will build MY CHURCH”

Matt. 16:18

“there is ONE BODY”

Eph. 4:4

“He is also head of the BODY, the CHURCH”

Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23

LOCAL ekklesia

**Christians Residing In
The Same Area**

Who agree to join together in
fellowship (*Acts 9:26*).

Who worship in a common
assembly – (*1 Cor. 11:18*)

Who work out of a common
treasury – (*1 Cor. 16:1-3*)

Who submit to a common
oversight – (*Acts 14:23; 20:28*)

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THE CHURCH BELONGING TO CHRIST IS NOT A DENOMINATION!
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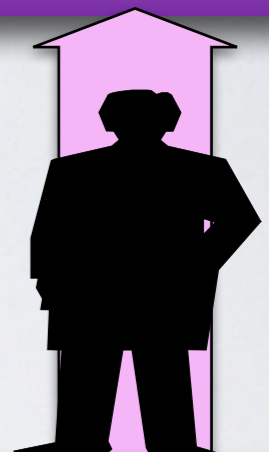
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After Its Own Kind — Luke 8:11

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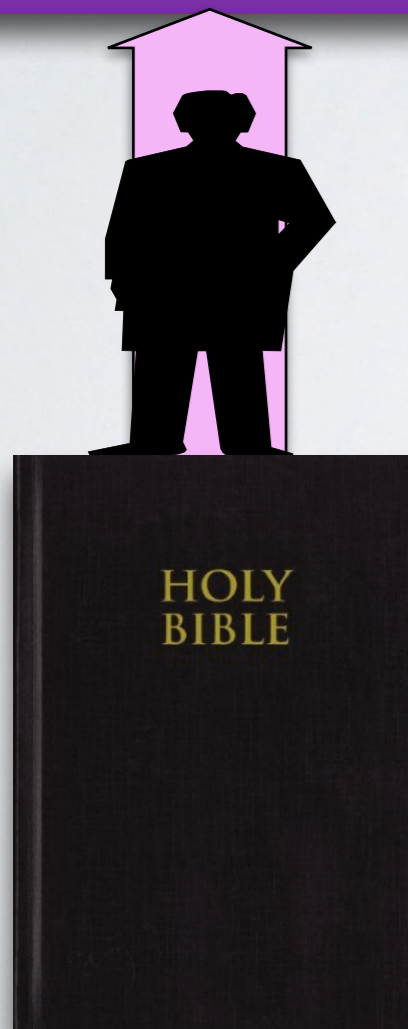
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**A CHURCH OF
CHRIST**



- ▶ **How to be saved** - Acts 2:14-38; 16:30-33 ...
- ▶ **Organization** — Phil. 1:1
- ▶ **Worship** — Jn 4:24; Eph 5:19; Acts 20:7; etc.
- ▶ **Work** / Evangelism / edification / benevolence - Eph 4:11 - 16; 1 The 1:8; Acts 2:42 ff ...
- ▶ **Doctrine** - what Christ has revealed - not what He hasn't ... 2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 John 9;
- ▶ Does NOT follow the doctrines and commandments of men - Mat. 15:7-9, 13

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**Our Attitude Towards The
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THE LOCAL CHURCH IS IMPORTANT



- Local churches were established throughout the Roman Empire - (cf. Acts 2:42ff; 13-20; Col. 1:5,23).
- Christians banded together for the purpose of corporate worship and fellowship in serving their Master (Acts 2:42-47; 11:19ff; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; etc.).
- This was not some optional plan or unmeaningful happenstance; it was a divinely orchestrated pattern of organizing local churches for God's work (cf. Acts 14:23; Eph 4:11-16).

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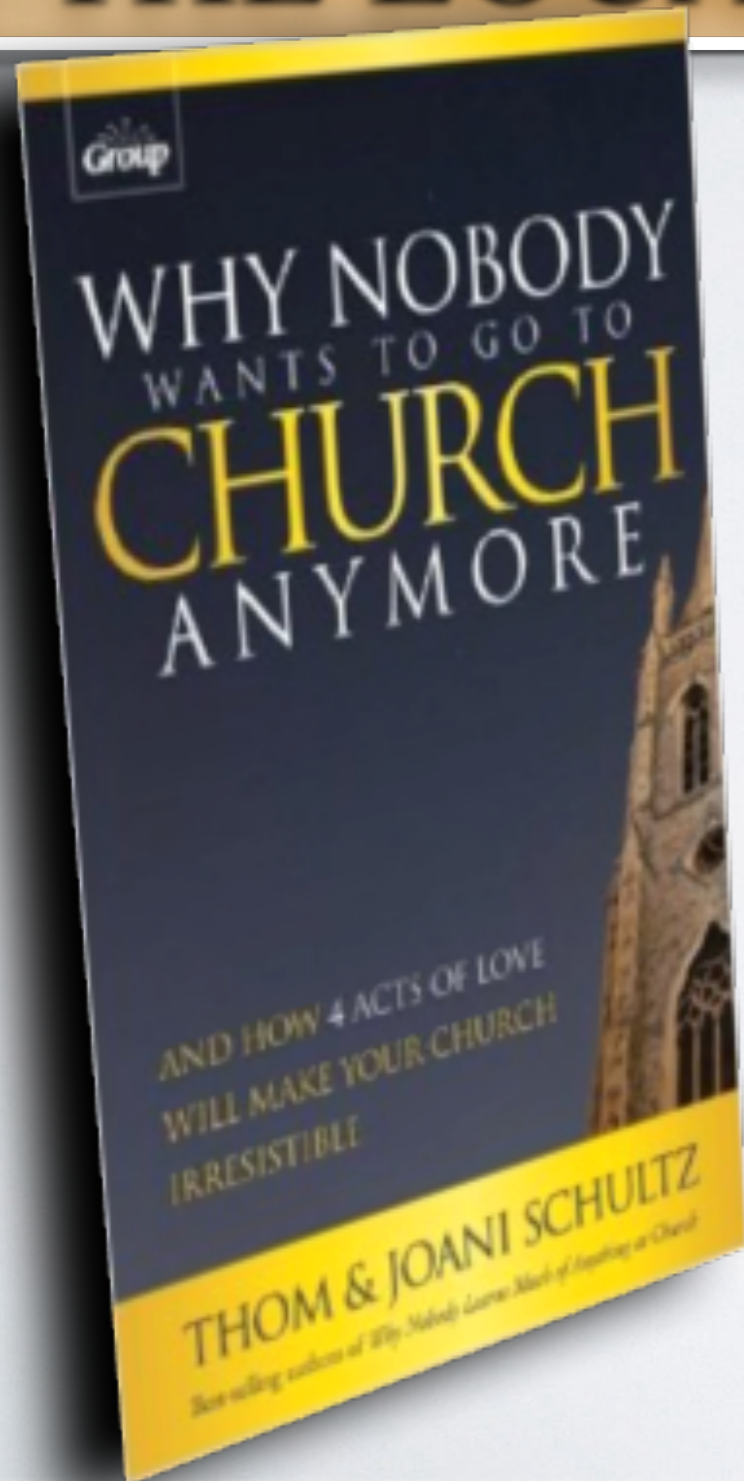


- In the early chapters of Acts, following the establishment of the church, there are numerous references acknowledging the “togetherness” of the early saints (2:42,44,46; 4:23-24,31-32; 9:26–31; etc.; cf. Heb. 10:24,25).
- God never intended for a Christian to function as an isolated “island” in a sea of worldly-oriented people. (Heb 10:24,25)

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- One of the negative effects of our “individualistic” society has been the development of a negative attitude in the minds of many professed Christians towards any form of organized religion.
- Christianity is built upon, and demonstrated in relationships.

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THE LOCAL CHURCH IS IMPORTANT



■ **SO, BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A
LOCAL CHURCH IS IMPORTANT ...**

- ▶ To HONOR God's will
- ▶ To collectively WORSHIP God
- ▶ To ENCOURAGE one another
- ▶ To BUILD UP one another
- ▶ To EQUIP one another
- ▶ To WORK with one another
- ▶ To be ACCOUNTABLE to one another

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HUMILITY / SERVICE / LOVE

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TEAMWORK



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Romans 12:3–21

- Intellectual **HUMILITY** – Accepting our role within the body, willing to sacrifice ourselves for the Lord's service – (1-5)
- **USE OUR GIFTS** – each one of us has something valuable to contribute - (6-8; Mat 25:14-30)

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HUMILITY / SERVICE / LOVE



Romans 12:3–21

- ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
- ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
- ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

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HUMILITY / SERVICE / LOVE

1 Corinthians 12:12–31 (NKJV)

¹² For ^sas the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, ^tso also is Christ. ¹³ For ^uby one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—^vwhether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and ^whave all been made to drink ⁷into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

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APPRECIATION / CARE / LOVE

**1 Corinthians
12:12-31**

- ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?
- ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?
- ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where *would be* the smelling?

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APPRECIATION / CARE / LOVE



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- ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.
- ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body be?
- ²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body.
- ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

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Our Attitude Towards The
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APPRECIATION / CARE / LOVE

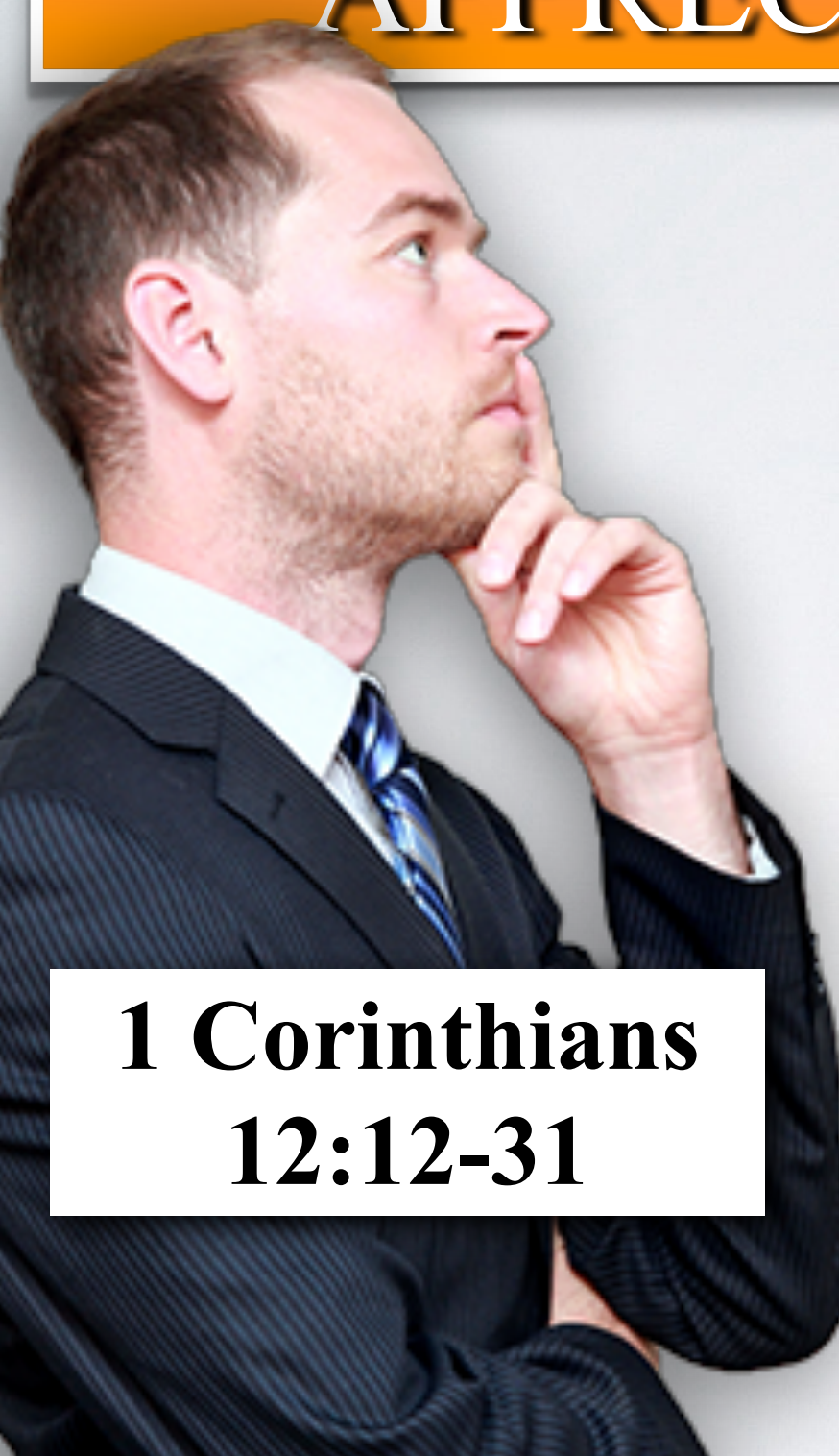
**1 Corinthians
12:12-31**

- 22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.
- 23 And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty,
- 24 but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,

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- A man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie. He is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right, with his hand resting on his chin in a thoughtful pose.
- 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.
 - 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.
 - 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

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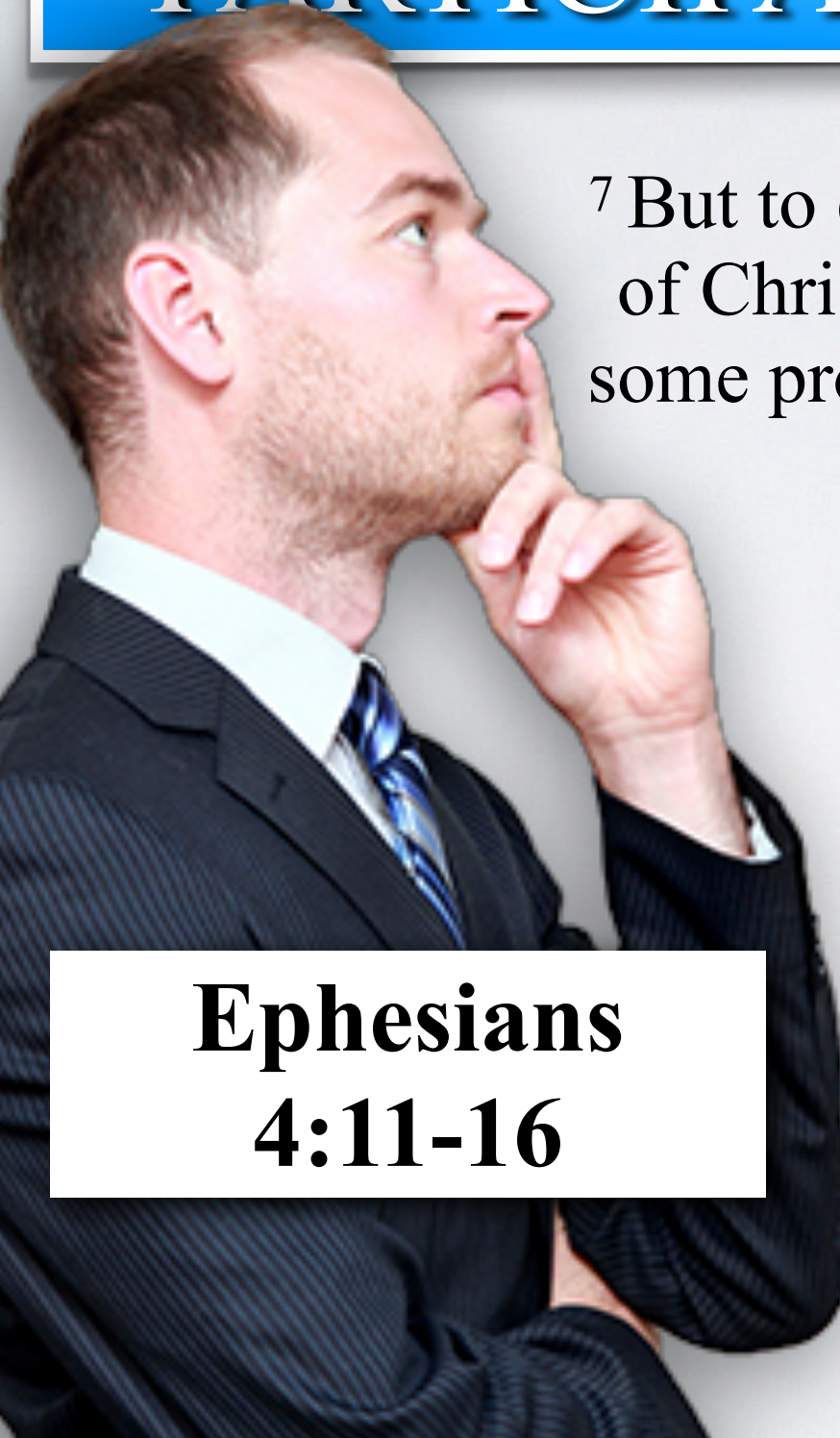
Ephesians 4:1-16 (NKJV)

4 I, therefore, the prisoner ¹of the Lord, ²beseech you to ^awalk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit ^bin the bond of peace. ⁴^c*There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵^done Lord, ^eone faith, ^fone baptism; ⁶^gone God and Father of all, who is above all, and ^hthrough all, and in ³you all.

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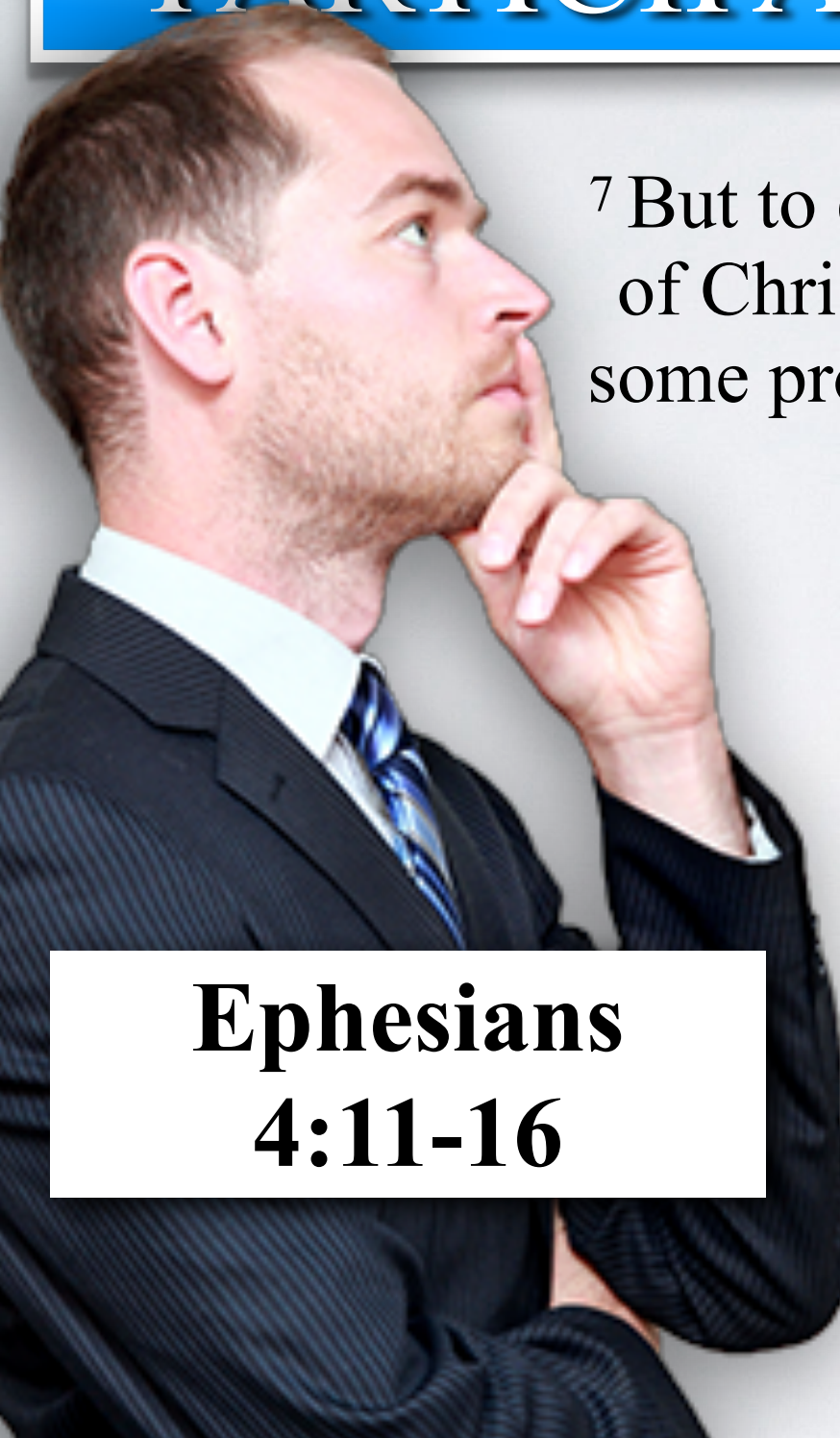
- ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
- ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Ephesians
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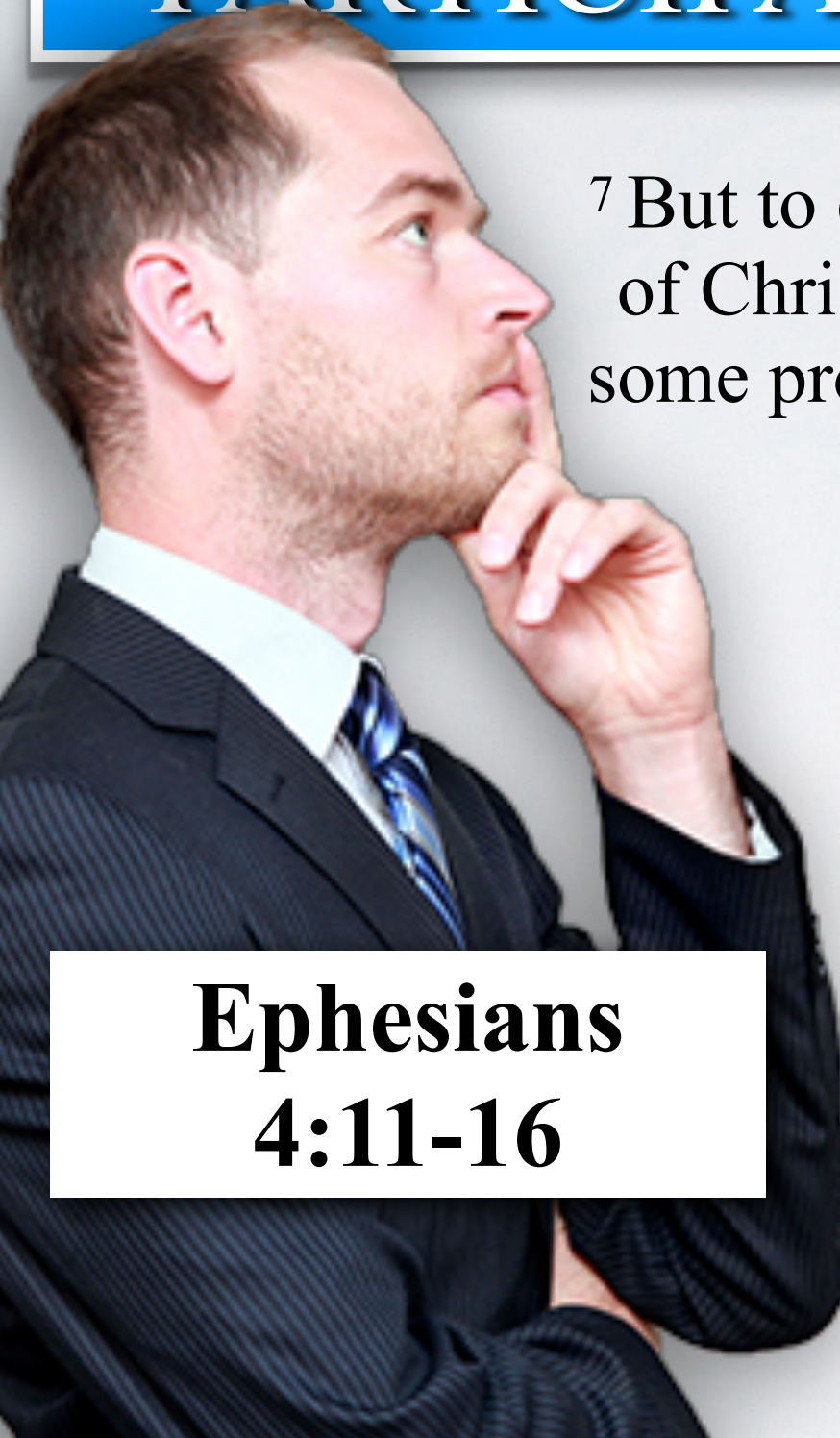
Ephesians
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- ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
- ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

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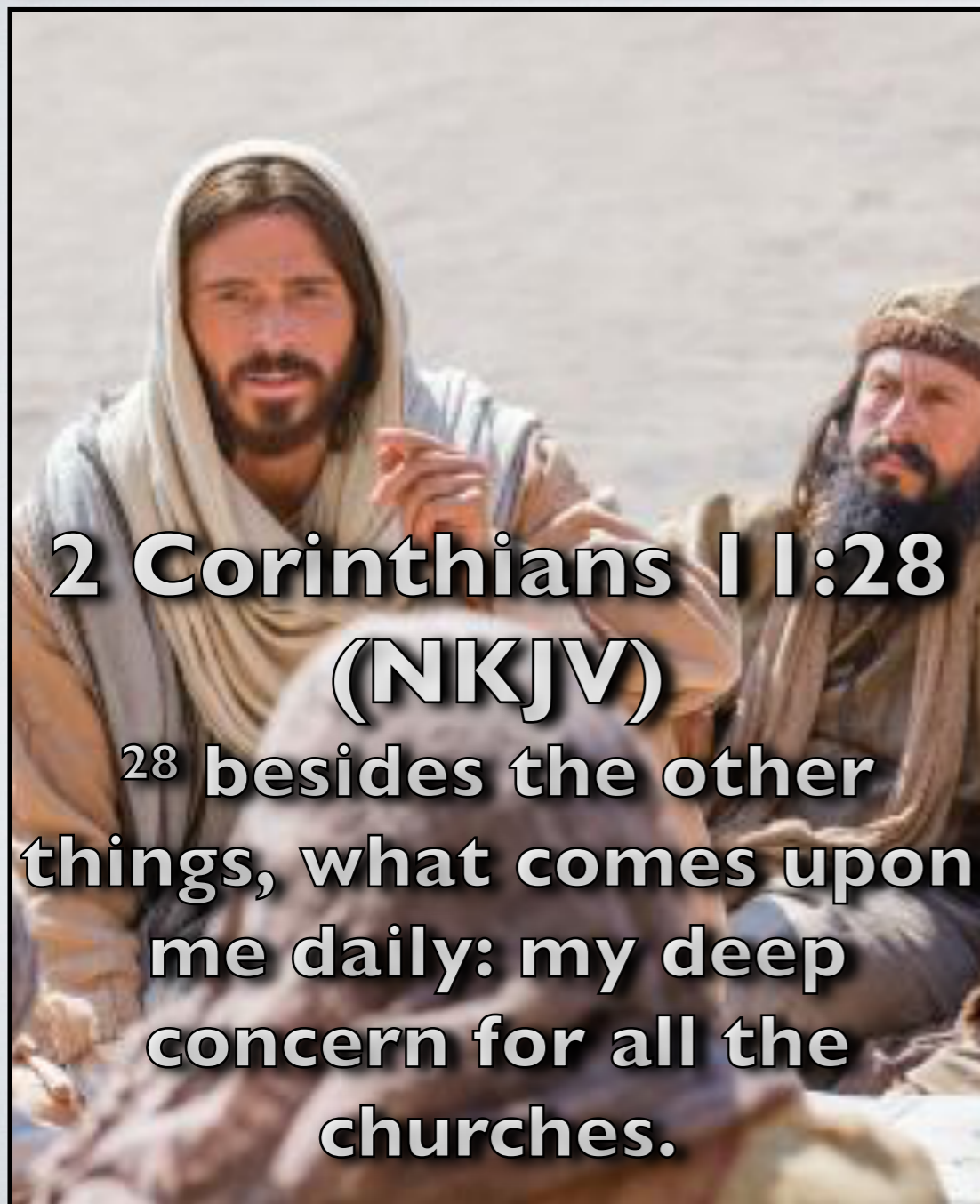
- ¹⁵ ... may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
- ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians
4:11-16

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Ephesians 5:23–32 (NKJV)



**We should have the same
attitude towards the
local church Jesus does!**

Love it

Sacrifice for it

Be faithful to it

Long for its purity

Provide what we can that it may
grow!

Attitude

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**DOES MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE
LOCAL CHURCH HELP IT ...**



- ▶ To worship, praise and glorify God according to His will?
- ▶ To grow and develop spiritually?
- ▶ To use my abilities / to actively participate in a functioning body?
- ▶ To help others grow spiritually?
- ▶ To be a good example & influence?

Attitude

Your Attitude Towards The Local Church MATTERS



- ▶ Do you desire to submit to the Lord's teachings and be faithful to Him?
- ▶ Have you been baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins?
- ▶ Are you an active part of a local group of faithful Christians?



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Our Attitude Towards The Local Church MATTERS

(Romans 12:3-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:11-16)

**In order to be pleasing to God, we must have
an attitude of self-denial, trust, & surrender.**

**DO WE HAVE AN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE LOCAL
CHURCH THAT PROMOTES A LIVING FAITH?**

Attitude

Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

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(Romans 12:3-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:11-16)

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Romans 12:3–8 (NKJV)

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.