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Conclusion and Many Facets

Believers in Christ: Representing and Standing for God

Almost everyone represents or stands for something. As believers in Christ, we are called to represent and stand for:

1. **The God of us!**
2. **God's Kingdom!**
3. **Jesus Christ!**
4. **The name of Jesus!**
5. **Delegated authority!**
6. **The Holy Spirit!**
7. **The power of the Holy Spirit!**
8. **People who speak in tongues!**
9. **The inheritance! (and more!)**

Our lives should reflect His business. Though we engage in various earthly endeavors, we cannot neglect our Father's business.

Our Father's Business

Luke 2:48-51 (NKJV):

48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.'

49 And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that **I must be about My Father's business?**'

50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

We also represent the body of Christ on earth. We are interconnected, as revealed in **1 Corinthians 12**. Each member is vital and contributes to the body's purpose and function.

1 Corinthians 12:14-27 (NKJV):

“14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

... 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.”

What Do We Do as Believers in Christ?

We follow the pattern set forth in God's Word. These include:

Preparation and Training

- **Practicing discipleship.**
- **Water baptism/The Lord's Supper.**
- **Baptism in the Holy Spirit.**
- **Speaking in tongues.**
- **Teaching accurately and effectively.**

Effective Evangelism

- **Go.**
- **Preach.**
- **Do the works of Jesus.**

Effective Ministry (Meeting the needs of the people through the “3 M's”):

1. Motivational gifts.
2. Ministry gifts.
3. Manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Character Development

- **Striving for the moral excellence of Jesus.**

What Do Those in Christ Provide?

We provide **hope** by living Godly lives. Without Christ, there is no hope. Consider the following scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NLT):

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.

Ephesians 2:12 (NLT):

In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.

1 Timothy 1:1 (NKJV):

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope.

Using the Name of Jesus

The name of Jesus is above every name.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV):

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We must actively use His name against the kingdom of darkness.

Acts 3:1-10 (RSV):

6 But Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'

Knowing who we are in Christ is essential. Without this knowledge, we cannot effectively wield His name.

Acts 19:13-16 (AMP):

15 But [one] evil spirit retorted, Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?"

Stewardship of Our Gifts

Each believer holds and carries gifts that should be employed for the benefit of others.

Romans 12:6-8 (RSV):

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

7 if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching;

8 he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Peter 4:10 (RSV):

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Appearance and Representation

Our appearance reflects who we are. Beyond technology or social media, personal encounters reveal our identity.

What kind of appearance are we displaying? Are we holding:

1. A rejoicing attitude?
2. Constant prayer?
3. Thankfulness?
4. God's power?
5. A Jesus attitude about spiritual things?
6. Goodness?
7. Conformity to God's Word?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (RSV):

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray constantly, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you...

Conclusion

This teaching concludes with a call to action: be **doers of God's Word**. There is nourishment for anyone desiring to grow in Christ.

James 1:22 (AMP):

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Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV):

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Be blessed, and do not forget to be doers of God's Word in Jesus' name!

Another perspective of this teaching.

This comprehensive piece emphasizes the role and responsibilities of believers in Christ, drawing directly from Scripture to outline practical applications for faith and ministry. Here's a breakdown of its core themes and key takeaways:

Core Themes:

1. Representation of Christ and His Kingdom:

- Believers are called to stand for God, His Kingdom, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the authority vested in His name.
- This extends to living out our faith in ways that reflect His business and purposes on earth.

2. Unity in the Body of Christ:

- Each believer is a vital part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12).
- The emphasis on mutual care, honor, and recognition of diverse gifts ensures the body functions harmoniously.

3. Preparation and Training as Disciples:

- Through practices such as baptism, receiving the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, and teaching, believers grow spiritually and are equipped to fulfill their mission.

4. Evangelism and Ministry:

- Believers are tasked with preaching, doing the works of Jesus, and meeting people's needs through spiritual gifts, ministries, and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

5. Godly Character Development:

- A Christlike character provides hope to others and validates the message of the Gospel.
- Believers are called to display moral excellence, a rejoicing spirit, constant prayer, thankfulness, and conformity to God's Word.

6. The Authority of Jesus' Name:

- The name of Jesus is powerful and effective against any opposition, spiritual or physical, and must be wielded responsibly and faithfully.

7. Stewardship of Gifts and Resources:

- Each believer has gifts (Romans 12:6-8) and must steward them wisely for the benefit of others and the glory of God (1 Peter 4:10).

8. Appearance and Witness:

- How believers present themselves matters, as it reflects their faith and relationship with Christ.

Actionable Insights:

- **Be intentional in discipleship** by deepening your understanding of God's Word, embracing the Holy Spirit's work, and being a practitioner of faith through deeds.
- **Value unity** within the church by honoring all members of the body, recognizing the importance of each role, and fostering an environment of mutual encouragement.
- **Actively evangelize and minister** through words and actions, letting the Gospel be both seen and heard.
- **Develop a Christlike character** by committing to prayer, gratitude, spiritual discernment, and a life of holiness.
- **Utilize the name of Jesus** with faith and understanding, recognizing its unparalleled authority over every challenge.
- **Steward your gifts** by serving others and building the church with diligence and passion.

Closing Encouragement:

This message is a call to action for believers to not only live out their faith but to embrace their role as ambassadors of Christ. The Scriptures provided underscore the privilege and responsibility of being a follower of Jesus. By focusing on God's Word, believers can be both nourished and empowered to fulfill their divine purpose.

May this serve as a resource for personal growth and a guide for living out your faith boldly and effectively in Jesus' name. Be blessed!

This is the last part of this series. Even though there are more objects, time, change of direction entered my life and ministry. Therefore, only three objects were mentioned.

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