

SERMON OUTLINE

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Appreciating Each Other

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I. How We Should View Differences

- A. **1 Cor 12:4-6:** God Has Made Us Different on Purpose
 - 1. Didn't God know: Differences would bring problems?
 - 2. Why not: Each individual complete???
- B. **1 Cor 12:7:** Differences Should Bring About Unity
- C. **1 Cor 12:14-20:** Don't Minimize Your Role By Another's Strength
- D. **1 Cor 12:21:** Don't Minimize Another's Role By Your Strength
- E. **Why the Issues with Differences?** Arrogance, Jealousy, Selfishness

II. Working Together in Unity (Look at a few individuals)

- A. **Barnabas: Acts 4:36:** "Son of Encouragement"; Example of generosity; **Acts 9:27:** Stood alone with Saul of Tarsus; **Acts 11:22-24:** Encouraged them; Evangelistic – a good man; **Acts 11:25-26:** Recruited Paul to work with Antioch; **Acts 13:1-3:** Goes with Paul on a breakthrough journey; **Acts 13:13:** Transition - Paul in charge (leadership)
- B. **Paul: Gal 1:10-12** – Authority to his message. **Gal 2:3:** Not compelled by man. **Gal 2:14:** Opposed Peter and Barnabas for hypocrisy. **2 Tim 1:6-7:** Not timid but POWER, love, DISCIPLINE.
- C. **John Mark:** Wrote the gospel of Mark: **Mark 14:51-52** - fled naked? **1 Pet 5:13:** Called "son" by Peter. **Col 4:10:** Related to Barnabas. Went on First Journey but **Acts 13:13** departed early
- D. **Conflict: Acts 15:36-39:** Disagreement over taking Mark again
 - 1. NOT a Division: **1 Cor 9:6:** Barnabas as an example
 - 2. BUT Each Utilizing their Strength
- E. **Mark's Benefit From Both:**
 - 1. Barnabas took him to Cyprus - obviously he benefitted
 - 2. **Col 4:10; Phlm 24; 2 Tim 4:11:** Ministering to Paul
- F. **Lessons:**
 - 1. Remain true to your strengths - use them
 - 2. Support and appreciate the strengths of others
 - 3. Work together with the strengths of others
 - 4. Undergird your strengths with love: **1 Corinth 13**
 - 5. Make edification your goal: **1 Corinth 14:12**