

## Seven People Every Church Needs (Part 2)

(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

- Introduction:
1. How many times have we heard the pitch, "There a place for you?"
  2. Well, that certainly is true in the body of Christ.
  3. But just like a body consists of many members, so does the church, and we're examining some of those indispensable members every church needs.
  4. This morning, we noted that every church needs:
    - a. A proselyte.
    - b. A non-traditionalist.
    - c. Old People.
    - d. An Afflicted Person.
  5. This evening, we'll point out three more people every church needs.

### I. An Encourager

- A. (Galatians 6:9) Discouragement is a very real challenge to many Christians.
- B. We need an encourager like Barnabas.
  1. (Acts 4:32-37) Sacrifice.
  2. (Acts 9:26-27) Support.
  3. (Acts 11:22-24) Forgiveness.

### II. A Corrector

- A. I'm a little nervous saying this lest I be misunderstood.
- B. Correction and criticism are not among the nine spiritual gifts God gave the church.
- C. But we do need someone who loves us enough to correct and rebuke us of our sins (2 Samuel 12:1-14).
- D. One who loves us enough to correct us, safeguards our future (Proverbs 29:5) as well as our legacy (1 Kings 1:11-14).

### III. A Child

- A. (Matthew 18:1-4; Mark 10:13-15).
- B. Children can imagine and dream great things.
- C. Children's innocence can awaken our spirit to holiness.
- D. Children are humble and inquisitive.
- E. Children are the closest reflections of God in this world sin Jesus lived on earth (John 1:14).
- F. Bring children close to you and learn from them.

- Conclusion:
1. As I said when we began, the diversity of the church makes us a healthy, functioning body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).
  2. If you're not a part of that body, you're missing things that will help you in this life and prepare you for the next.