

VICTORIOUS CHURCH: The Move of God

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Text: Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Corinthians 12

The church is victorious because the church is the move of God in this world.

Faith cannot be separated from what we do.

Christianity is always a therefore walk.

Our calling is primarily our relationship with Jesus, which includes what we do for Him.

Unity is a possession to be kept and a goal toward which we strive.

Unity is necessary for the church to be effective and victorious in our culture.

Spiritual Gifts = An experience or an ability that God has given you that He uses to build up others.

Without you using your gift we cannot be and do all that God has called us to be and do.

All the gifts are to build up the church.

When you use your gift, the invisible God becomes visible.

Why should you get involved in your church?

1. If you have been made alive, you have a responsibility to uphold.
2. If you really want to know and understand Jesus, you have to get involved.
3. God's plan A is to have His power flow through His church.

Food for Thought for the week of September 25, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. What is God saying to you through this Victorious Church series so far? (Matthew 16:13-20; Hebrews 11)
2. What makes a church victorious in the real world? What makes it a non-factor?
3. What does it mean, practically speaking, for you "to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called"? (Ephesians 4:1)
4. What are you typically "eager, diligent, or expedient" about doing in your life? In light of that, what does it mean for you to be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit" in the Body of Christ? (Ephesians 4:2-3)
5. Why is unity vital for the Church to be victorious?
6. The call to action in this week's text, is to work "eagerly" for unity in the Body of Christ, and for each member to serve faithfully. (Ephesians 4:12-16)
 - A. What has God been calling you to do in service in His church? What responsibility is God giving you to uphold?
 - B. What do you need to say no to, in order to follow through in that service?
 - C. What typically gets in the way of you following through? (Fear, laziness, too busy, etc...)
7. Spend some time praying for one another to serve faithfully as you highlighted in the questions above.
8. Follow up next week on how each of you did.

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