

WHEN FACED WITH THE DANGER OF DIVISION

THEME: GOD'S GRACE IS GREATER THAN ANY CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

OBJECTIVE: LEARN HOW TO EXTINGUISH THE RAGE OF DIVISIVENESS

JUDGES 8:1-3

1. DIVISIVENESS MUST BE RESTRAINED V.1

SATAN'S PLOY TO BRING DIVISION INTO THIS WORLD CONTINUES.

TITUS 3:10-11, "AS FOR A PERSON WHO STIRS UP DIVISION, AFTER WARNING HIM ONCE AND THEN TWICE, HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH HIM, KNOWING THAT SUCH A PERSON IS WARPED AND SINFUL; HE IS SELF-CONDEMNED."

TO BE UNIFIED IN THE WORK OF GOD NEVER SEEKS TO EXALT SELF BUT ALWAYS GOD.

PROVERBS 29:11, "A FOOL GIVES FULL VENT TO HIS SPIRIT, BUT A WISE MAN QUIETLY HOLDS IT BACK."

2. DIVISIVENESS MUST BE REDIRECTED V.2

PROVERBS 15:1, "A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH, BUT A HARSH WORD STIRS UP ANGER."

TO BE AT PEACE WITH GOD IN CHRIST IS TO SEEK TO BE AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER. **MATTHEW 5:9**, "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD."

ROMANS 12:18, "IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL."

PLAYING A PART IN THE WORK OF GOD SHOULD ALWAYS RESULT IN SAVIOR NOT SELF EXALTATION.

ECCLESIASTES 7:8, “BETTER IS THE END OF A THING THAN ITS BEGINNING, AND THE PATIENT IN SPIRIT IS BETTER THAN THE PROUD IN SPIRIT.”

3. DIVISIVENESS MUST BE BROUGHT TO REALITY V.3

WHEN WE ALLOW OUR FOCUS TO MOVE INWARD INSTEAD OF UPWARD, WE QUICKLY FORGET GOD. **PROVERBS 28:26**, “WHOEVER TRUSTS IN HIS OWN MIND IS A FOOL, BUT HE WHO WALKS IN WISDOM WILL BE DELIVERED.”

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WORK OF THE LORD IS A REMINDER TO KEEP OUR EYES ON THE LORD OF THE WORK. **COLOSSIANS 3:23**, “WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN.”

JESUS ALWAYS GETS THE LAST WORD AND BRINGS US BACK TO REALITY.

JAMES 5:19-20, “MY BROTHERS, IF ANYONE AMONG YOU WANDERS FROM THE TRUTH AND SOMEONE BRINGS HIM BACK, LET HIM KNOW THAT WHOEVER BRINGS BACK A SINNER FROM HIS WANDERING WILL SAVE HIS SOUL FROM DEATH AND WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS.”