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Coach Lou Holtz actually began his coaching career at the University of Minnesota. During his first year there, he distributed T-shirts with the word “**TEAM**” printed on them in big block letters. Underneath, in very tiny print, was the word “**me**.” It was Coach Holtz’s way of teaching his team that success comes through placing the team’s objective above all personal ambition.

Here’s a great lesson to remember: It takes us all if we are going to succeed. It’s not just about me. It’s not just about you. The winning team is the one that recognizes the valuable contribution of each of its players.

The Church is never as strong as it could be when even one of its members is missing or inactive. When any one of us is absent or delinquent, we will never be what we could have been.

One day during a picnic at the park, a man noticed a very strange sight across the road. Two men were working feverishly in the summer heat. One man would dig a rather large hole. Then his co-worker would immediately fill it in. After watching this happen all through his lunch, the taxpayer was too perplexed to just walk away. He approached the two men and asked, “What are you doing?” The hole-digger caught his breath and answered, “Well, we’re a three-man crew in charge of planting trees in the park, and the guy who puts the trees in the holes is out sick today.” Oh my!

Did you know that it takes 300 muscles each working together in your body just to keep your balance while you’re standing still? If just standing still requires so much cooperation, just imagine what it takes to move our bodies forward! Participation and cooperation are always critical.

If this is true for our physical bodies, it is just as true in our spiritual body. The New Testament uses this analogy of the human body to relate to believers in the church. Colossians 1:18 says that Jesus is the “*head of the body, the church.*”

This BODY CONCEPT of the church is that the church is to function as one body with its many members. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says, “*For as the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many are one body.*” Paul continues and identifies at least 10 parts of the human body and then relates them to the church. There are the “**feet**” Christians without whom the church could never go anywhere. There are the “**hands**” Christians who take hold to do the work of the ministry. There are the “**ear**” Christians who keenly hear the voice of the Lord, and the “**eyeball**” Christians who help us to see and give us vision.

When all of these members are cooperating . . . content to be what they are and content to let others be what they are . . . they each complement each other with the kind of harmony that gives perfect balance to our diversity and our unity.

Every member of the Church is important and absolutely necessary. It is you and me and all of us . . . “*for we are members one of another*” (Eph 4:25).

Trivia That Isn't Trivial

1. As a result of the curse of Elisha, what happened to the 42 children?
2. The word "*coffin*" is used only once in the Bible. Do you know who was buried in it?
3. Who was the first person to enter the empty tomb of Jesus?

ANSWERS

1. Two she-bears came out of the woods & tore them apart (2 Kings 2:15, 23-24)
 2. Joseph (Genesis 50:26)
 3. Peter (John 20:4-6)
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