

SERVANTHOOD – 6

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HEBREWS 9:12-14

Our motivation to serve God individually and collectively is the Blood of Jesus. If it were not for His precious Blood, we all would suffer God's wrath eternally. Millions of gallons of blood have been shed since the fall of man, but only the Blood of Jesus paid the price for our redemption. This revelation should move us to serve God individually and collectively.

REVELATION 1:5-6

As a kingdom of priests, we are responsible to perform the duties of a priest. This includes serving God individually: Born again, water and Spirit baptized, seek the Kingdom, follow Christ, renew the mind, and collectively: By committing to a local church where we work with others to evangelize the world for Christ. **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20**

THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY – PSALMS 133:1-3 (NLT)

The importance of unity cannot be overstated. **MARK 3:24-25** Jesus said a divided house can't stand, but when people do what is necessary to walk in unity, nothing can stop the blessing of God from being realized.

THREE REASONS WHY

1. It creates a force Satan can't penetrate.
 - A. **ECCLESIASTES 4:12 (NLT)** – Three pencils are harder to break than one or two.
 - B. **DEUTERONOMY 32:30** – Synergy is when the combined effect is greater than the sum of their separate effects. One horse can pull 1000 pounds, another 1100. Combined they can pull 2500 pounds, not just 2100. That's synergy.
2. It makes it easier to accomplish our goals and realize our dreams.
 - A. **GENESIS 11:1-9 (NLT)** – Even God acknowledged the power of unity.

B. If unbelievers can achieve great things by working together in harmony, how much more can believers.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9-13

3. It makes a highway for God to move.

A. 2 CHRONICLES 5:13-14 – God anoints unity and manifests His glory and power among those who worship Him in one accord.

B. ACTS 4:23-33 – Great power and grace were manifested when they prayed in one accord.

PROMOTING UNITY

1. Understanding the vision.

A. HABAKKUK 2:2 – Serving God, one another and people.

2. Understanding we need one another.

A. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-21 – The Body of Christ is like the human body.

3. Understanding the call.

A. EPHESIANS 4:1-3 – Unity requires humility, meekness, patience, forbearance, love, effort and peace.

4. Understanding the goal of unity.

A. JOHN 17:20-23 – To win the world for Christ.

B. EPHESIANS 4:11-16 – To perfect the saints for the work of the ministry, to promote spiritual maturity, and to build up the Body of Christ.

5. Understanding the danger of division.

A. MARK 3:24-25 – This includes kingdoms, marriages, families, churches, corporations, businesses and nations.

B. 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17 – “Know ye not” if you continue on this course. What course? **1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-7** – The course of carnality, envy, strife and division or factions.

CONCLUSION: God wants to take us to another level. To do so, we all need to come together, take our place and do our part to make it happen.