

## THREE KEYS FOR AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH

SOH - Lesson 11

### I. INTRODUCTION

A. Three basic ingredients for a local church to be effective:

1. Organized
2. Discipline
3. Unified

B. We can't be effective in the body of Christ if we have a maverick spirit; -- don't belong to someone, not branded by God.

C. Everyone needs to be involved in a local church.

### II. ORGANIZED

A. I Cor. 14:

1. (vs 33) "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."
2. (vs 40) "Let all things be done decently and in order."
  - a. Decently - decorously; gracefully; becomingly, honorable.
  - b. Order - an arrangement, with a given military sense.

B. (Your position is based on character, fashion, quality and style.)

C. God's order is planned out for us in His Word.

1. Psa. 119:133a - "Order my steps in Thy Word:..."
2. Psa. 37:23a - "The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord:..."
3. Example: Tithing is God's order for your finances. If we have a problem with tithing, it is with our flesh; because it is undisciplined.
4. Arrange your steps by God's Word.
5. I Cor. 11:34  
Titus 1:5
  - a. There can be no order in your life, without orders being given.

D. Organizer - one who organizes, directs, arranges or gives order.

1. It is easy to organize things, but it is difficult to organize people; yet it is the most important.
2. I Thess. 2:10-11  
II Thess. 3:6-12
  - a. Training is showing and telling.
3. I Thess 5:14a (AMP) - "And we earnestly beseech you, brethren, admonish (warn and seriously advise) those who are out of line [the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly];..."
4. Prov. 27:5 - "Open rebuke is better than secret love."
  - a. Before warning the unruly, make sure you are an example of the ruly.
5. Disorderly - to be neglectful of duty; to be lawless, irregular, inordinate.
  - a. (Greek Lexicon) - gives notation of soldiers marching out of order or quitting rank.

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III. DISCIPLINED

- A. (New Intern'l Dict.) - To train to obedience or subjection. To drill or educate.
- B. Discipline (one time in the Bible) - chastisement or instruction.
1. Job 36:10
  2. Matt. 28:19a - "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,..."
    - a. The word "teach" means make disciples.
  3. There can be no character without discipline.

IV. UNIFIED - to be one or together.

- A. Psa 133:1 - "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
- B. Unity is an endeavor. Eph. 4:3
- C. How long is this endeavor? Eph. 4:13:
- a. until we are in unity of the faith,
  - b. until we reach unity of the knowledge of the Son of God,
  - c. until we reach maturity,
  - d. until we reach the age of the fullness of Christ.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. God is very organized.
- B. God is the source of order.
- C. No orders, no organizing.
- D. No discipline, no unity.
- E. No unity, no effectiveness.