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5 Foundations For Effective Life & Ministry
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- 1 Cor 7:7 (NIV) "... But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that."
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*The Three Classes Of Christians*

1. Those Who Drift Through Life
2. Those Who Drive Through Life
3. Those Who *Get In Step With God*

Once We Locate The Focus Of Our Life & Ministry -- We Will Be Able To Go With It -- In Step With God
1. Present Yourself To God:

- Rom 12:1 (NIV) "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."
- Make A Clean Break From Everything That Is Contrary To The Word Of God
- You Can Only Serve One Master
1. Presenting Yourself To God:

- As God Opens Doors Of Ministry Opportunity
- Learn To Be Faithful And Dependable
- God Will Eventually Open Bigger -- Greater Doors Of Ministry For You
- Mat 25:21 (NIV) ""'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'""
1. Presenting Yourself To God:

- Don't Try And Skip Classes -- Thinking You Are Too Good For Anything

- Grow Where You Are Planted
Rom 12:2 (NIV) "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
2. Renewing Your Mind:

- Eph 4:23–24 (NIV) "... be made new in the attitude of your minds;" (24) "... put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

- When A Person Becomes A Christian The Spirit Is Immediately Saved -- But The Mind Must Be Renewed
2. Renewing Your Mind:

- "Having The Mind Of Christ"; Means To Think Like God Thinks
- If You Desire To Move Ahead With God You Must Be Spiritually Minded
- To Be Spiritually Minded Means To Fill Your Mind With The Things Of God
- Read, Study, Meditate Upon His Word
3. Understanding Christ's Body

- *God Loves Variety... That Is Why He Has Created Everyone Just A Little Different From Each Other*

- Rom 12:4–5 (NIV) "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function," (5) "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
There Is A Big Set Of Tools Needed To Build The Church Effectively

1 Cor 12:4 (NIV) "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit."

1 Cor 12:5 (NIV) "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."

1 Cor 12:6 (NIV) "There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."
3. Understanding Christ's Body

How Do We Get Them All To Work Together?

- We Must Recognize The Leadership Of Jesus Christ
- We Are His Body -- He Is The Head -- In Him We All Fit Perfectly Together
- Eph 4:16 (NIV) "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."
4. The Correct Assessment Of Ourselves

Rom 12:3 (NIV) "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

Some People Will Never Experience Success In Their Ministry And In Their Calling -- Because They Think More Highly Of Themselves Than They Should
4. The Correct Assessment Of Ourselves

- A Correct Assessment Will Wipe Our Arrogance And The Feeling Of Self-Importance
- 2 Cor 10:12 (NIV) "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise."
4. The Correct Assessment Of Ourselves

Stay Humble Before The Lord And He Will Lift You Up

James 4:10 (NIV) "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."
5. Learning To Relate With Others

To Be Successful In Any Kind Of Ministry You Must Be Able To Get Along With People

If You Fail In This Area You Will Fail In The Ministry
How To Get Along With Other People In Your Life & Ministry:

1. Honor One Another Above Yourselves
2. If Possible Live At Peace
3. If One Of The Body Is Honored We Should All Rejoice
4. Bear With One Another In Love
5. Speak The Truth In Love
How To Get Along With Other People In Your Life & Ministry:

6. Tell The Truth
7. Get Disagreements Taken Care Of Quickly
8. Don't Tear Down... But Build Up
   ◦ Be Positive And Upbeat In Your Speech
   ◦ Keep Your Opinions In Check –
   ◦ Keep Your Dislikes In Check – Learn To Pray About Things
   ◦ Don’t Be A Taker --- Be A Giver
9. Always Show Kindness
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You Can Get In Step With God

► 1. Present Your Self To God In Holiness
► 2. Renew Your Mind
► 3. Gain Understanding Of The Body Of Christ
► 4. Make An Accurate Self-assessment
► 5. Develop Good Human Relationships