

# The Power of One

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- And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup> And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and \*slime had they for mortar.
- \*Tar

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- <sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now \*nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
- \*Nothing will be impossible (NLT)

- The true church is and always will remain a hospital for the sick and not a country club for the saints
- We disobey God when we try to keep ourselves to ourselves; when we cease to spread the Gospel

- John 15:8 - <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified *and* honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples (AMP)

- Luke 19:13 - <sup>13</sup> So he called ten of his servants, and gave them ten minas [one apiece, each equal to about a hundred days' wages] and said to them, 'Do business [with this] until I return. (AMP)

- The real question for ourselves this morning is: What is my motivation for working?

- I can still promote me, but I will do it in the guise of promoting my ministry or even my way of doing things
- “Promoting self under the guise of promoting Christ is currently so common as to excite little notice.” – A.W. Tozer

- Proverbs 25:27 - <sup>27</sup>It is not good to eat much honey, nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory (AMP)
- Galatians 6:3 - <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important (NLT)

# 1 Corinthians 3:7-17

- <sup>7</sup> So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

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- <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

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- <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

- The only One who can effectively build God's kingdom is God
- 2 Corinthians 6:1 - \*As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it
- \*Working together *with Him* - AMP

- Jesus started the building. He established the Church. Our role is to expand its reach, influence, effectiveness and its borders

- What could the church do, if it too was unified?
- The church is only limited in its effectiveness because we limit God and ourselves

- These two things, love God and do God's will, are not capable of being separated – This is how we attain unity with The Holy Spirit

- 1 Corinthians 1:10 - <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. (NLT)
- The Holy Spirit does not come to make us unified; He comes because we are unified – A.W. Tozer

- Philippians 1:27 - <sup>27</sup> Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. (NLT)

- One hundred religious people knit into unity by careful organization do not constitute a church than eleven dead men make up a football team – A.W. Tozer

- Matthew 16:18 - <sup>18</sup> Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it