

The Eyes of Faith See Diversity

Ephesians 4:2-3, 15-16

With all the biblically incorrect talk about “unity in diversity,” I hesitate to declare that in our unity we do have and always will have diversity. Not an ecumenical diversity based on an “I’m okay, you’re okay” philosophy of nondiscrimination; but a diversity in unity as per I Corinthians 12:12-27. Biblical diversity of talents and personality types is a good thing. Let’s examine the concept more closely.

In Tension, Faith Finds Vibrancy

- Otherwise incompatible relationships are apparently pleasing to God.
 - Isaiah 11:6-9.
 - Matthew 10:1-4.
- God has a plan to make it all work.
 - The Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12).
 - The Second Greatest Commandment (Mk. 12:31).
- Thus, “Questionnaire” Christianity is not the way of Christ.
 - Corporate America does not rule.
 - Human Sociology and Psychology have their limitations.
 - The “darlings” of our ever changing culture may well be counter productive to the will of God.
 - Practicality is impractical when it prevents the successful practice of the will of God.

Individuality

- Not the selfish variety (Matt. 10:39a).
- The Christ-like variety (Eph. 4:2-3, 15-16; I Cor. 12:12-27; Gal. 2:20).
 - Ephesians 4:16.
 - Ephesians 2:19-22.
 - Lions and lambs productively working TOGETHER for Jesus sake!

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