An Effective Working Church

Ephesians 4:16 *"… according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."*

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Know What You Do Well, And Do It

- **Romans 12:4-8** *"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."*

Minister Your Gifts To One Another

- **1 Peter 4:10-11** *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

Leaders Need To Be Diligent

- **Rom 12:8 "*... he who leads, with diligence; ...*"**
- **Who leads?**
  - **Elders: 1 Timothy 5:17 "*Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.*"**
  - **Fathers: 1 Timothy 3:4 "*one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence*"**
  - **Laborers: 1 Thess 5:12 "*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,*"**

We All Should Be Leaders

- **In Good Works**
  - Titus 3:8 *"This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men."*
  - Titus 3:14 *"And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful."*

What is Diligence?

- **Definition: "earnest commitment in discharge of an obligation or experience of a relationship, *eagerness*, *earnestness*, *diligence*, *willingness*, *zeal*. Often in Greek-Roman literature and inscriptions of extraordinary commitment to civic and religious responsibilities, which were frequently intertwined, and also of concern for personal moral excellence or optimum devotion to the interests of others." (BDAG)**

Zeal and Effort

- **Romans 12:11** *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;"*
- **2 Cor 7:11** *"For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter."*
- **2 Cor 8:7-8** *"But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others."*

Making Every Effort

- **Heb 6:11-12** *"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."*
- **2 Peter 1:5** *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,"*
- **Jude 3** *"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."*

Conclusion

- As a church works together it is only effectively working when every member is diligently participating.
- We must not become lazy, but make every effort with a zealous heart to do what we can.