

God's Attention

What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of [earthborn] man that You care
for him? *(Psalms 8:4 Amplified Bible)*

I was thinking of God's attention to us. I am thankful for it. He cares even when we don't call on Him. I thought about the hundreds of bicycle rides I have gone on, and the safety I have prayed for as I started. He has protected me even when I was hit by a pickup's mirror. How many times we ask for traveling mercies, and if we should forget, He doesn't!

I am most aware of my own body's members or parts when something isn't doing what it should, or when I am in pain. Even something as small as a pinky when it is in pain or discomfort, gets my attention. The Lord is sensitive to and is attentive to every little thing we go through, and the big things. He cares.

In 1 Corinthians 12:27 it states, **“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”** The verse preceding says, **“And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”** (NKJV)

Concerning the body of Christ—the Church, we aren't always as “body-conscious” as we should be. We may be aware that something is off, or isn't quite as it should be, but do we suffer with others, or ignore it; or worse, place blame? We desire unity, but unity has a price to be paid.

After we were done cleaning NUMA building, John pointed out something that God said in reference to the people building the Tower of Babel.

Then the Lord came down to look over the city and the tower that the humans were building. The Lord said, “If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

(Genesis 11:5-6 CSB)

We see that united in purpose and language, these people had gotten God's attention; He stated, “Nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.” If this could be said of those in “Babylon,” what are the implications for a **united** Spirit-filled church? Do we have the faith for it?

If we were to unify as the body of Christ, He being head and each of us functioning as “a member” of the body, what one person would see, would be a benefit to all of us. What one person would hear, would do the same; and we could walk together in the direction the Lord leads. We might actually do the “greater things” He said were possible. **Functioning as a unit in His order, what would be impossible to us?** He could get the honor and glory for every move of His body. We would be content to remain unnamed and untitled.



How can we become more “body-conscious?” One way is by listening. How many times have you been in a conversation with someone and realized that they weren’t hearing a word you were saying? You try to tell them something again with the same results. When this happens to me, I realize that I am wasting my time, so I stop talking—the person doesn’t even notice. I, too, have been guilty of not listening, especially when I am “on a mission.” (I need to talk with that *other* person, or get something done right away)—not a good excuse! Another way to become more “body conscious” is not to be so busy that we don’t make time for others. (meaningful fellowship)

I think about the superiority in caring that Jesus demonstrated in His ministry. No one had a more important mission or ministry than He, but He often allowed others to interrupt; He cared about every need. He made time while on His mission. I have heard testimonies of people who felt “invisible.” Did you ever feel like no one hears you, no one sees you? How must our Father feel when He gets little to no attention from His beloved children, or Jesus from His bride-to-be?

Sometimes our minds are so full of our own thoughts that we can’t hear others or God. In prayer we are so full of what we want to pray that we may be insensitive to what the Spirit is speaking to us. One pastor called this “audio clutter.” Solomon wrote repeatedly about the nagging, discontented wife. Is that what our prayers are like to Him sometimes?

Thinking again about that “clutter,” clutter is something that gets in the way of movement both physically and spiritually. Freedom in life is about getting rid of that clutter—everything that doesn’t belong or gets in the way. We have been given everything that **does** belong in Christ. We just have to make room for Him to reside as God, our Lord and a most welcome and revered companion, not only as individuals, but as a church. Is the clutter worth depriving ourselves of These?

May the Lord bless us with His refreshing presence when we come together, as He blesses us with His attention, always.