"Getting Everybody Involved"
1 Corinthians 12:1-7
Sunday, July 23, 2017

Introduction: Last Saturday seventeen of our members went to Boston to serve with a Haitian church. This mission team worked hard. On Sunday morning, I preached and on Sunday night Dottie lead a Bible class for women and I led a Bible class for men. Monday through Wednesday the mission team lead Bible clubs for children, a basketball camp, and did some painting and light construction. One of the things the pastor stressed over and over last Sunday morning was getting everybody involved. That was the passion of his heart and it connected with me because that is the passion of my heart.

Here is what I believe. When people join a church, they want to get involved. Many do get involved, but many do not. Some who get involved do not stay involved. This morning, we look at some reasons why every member is not involved in the life and work of their church and how that cans be remedied.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-7

Some Reason People Do Not Get Involved.

1. **Sometimes there is a <u>spiritual</u> problem.**

- Sometimes people who join a church are not saved. They may get involved, but they will not stay involved.

- Sometimes people backslide.

2. **Sometimes there is a <u>priority</u> problem.**

3. **Sometimes there is <u>confusion</u> about <u>spiritual</u> <u>gifts</u>.**

A. Every believer has at least one spiritual gift to help the church (1 Cor. 12:7).

B. God decides which gift you will have (1 Cor. 12:11).

C. Every gift is important (1 cor. 12:15-16).

How Can We Get More People Involved?

1. **Appeal to the <u>mind</u>.**

2. **Appeal to the <u>heart</u>.**

Conclusion: The key for all of us is to say yes to God and let Him tell us what it is we are supposed to do. Let me share an experience I had years ago where I learned what that means. (To hear the story, listen to the sermon on the church web page www.fbp.org).