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Theme Verses:
John 17: 20-22

“ I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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TWOB President Carl Tompkins Speaks on Christian Unity

In a recent presentation, *TWOB* President Carl Tompkins spoke on the subject of Christian unity, with the theme of his dissertation being that the unity of the followers of Christ is urgent if we are to successfully complete the great commission of making disciples of all nations. Substantiating this theme came through a lesson provided by author Rex Koivisto, in his best selling book, *One Lord, One Faith*. Mr. Koivisto teaches that it is by our love that we attract people to accepting Christ as their Savior, and ultimately becoming disciples. And that the disunity that our world witnesses within the church and between denominations yields no witness of love. Tompkins went on to state that one of Jesus' last moments prior to the cross validates Koivisto's lesson as He prayed to his Father that his people would be as one and united in Him for the sake of all nations knowing that He had been sent to the world for the purpose of providing salvation. Hence, one could conclude that absent our unity, the great commission is going to be tough to fulfill.

Tompkins didn't leave his audience hanging on this disheartening ledge without offering a well stated remedy. He began by stating that disunity within the church is not new, but has been around since the early beginnings of the Christian church. So, the audience didn't need to feel that this burden was theirs alone. In fact, as a result of the historical disunity of the church, by the year 2012 there were 43,000 different Christian denominations worldwide, as reported in a study completed by the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

The list of causes that have created such disunity is very long, totaling 43,000 subjects, such as which day is to be considered the sabbath, and how much water to use in baptism, which provided at least one reason for each denomination to branch out on their own. The good news within this lengthy list of separating values is that they mean nothing to Jesus, but only looms large in the mind of their creators. Many times in the Bible, people were chastised by the Lord for all their rules and worship mandates that caused their hearts to be far away from

the Lord. Here in lies the cause and pending remedy for disunity.

Tompkins emphasized that diversity among people will continue to exist, which leads to each individuals code of attitudes and beliefs. And any efforts to eliminate this fact will be fruitless. If we are to reach the unity that Christ desires, we must have the mindset that the diversity of people can strengthen the entire body of the Christ and the means of securing this type of environment is for everyone to realize that they are the least important person in the room! Such an act of humility encourages others to share and feel welcome. Tompkins went on to say that what we hold in common is a heart that reaches up to our one Lord in Jesus Christ, that seeks his face within each of our unique yet equally important assignments in serving Him. And by such unity, people will know God's love!

Tompkins concluded with a practical step to take that would advance our ability to demonstrate unity and that was to find a community based cause that would aid in the care for orphans and widows and, together, get to work!

TWOB Delivers on “The Way of Money”

Growing in popularity is the new training course developed by *The Way of Business*, entitled *The Way of Money*. Early this month, *TWOB* provided this training to a group of young adults through the hosting of Life Services. This two and a half hour seminar provides a user friendly approach to developing a budget and sticking to it. “Living within your means,” is the quote often cited during the training and many great stories are told that center around the necessity and pleasure of doing so.

Four categories of training fill this action packed seminar, which include: Dialing 811 for Security, Zero Based Budgeting, The Magic Envelope, and Debt Management. The security available by living to the 811 philosophy teaches to tithe ten percent, invest ten percent toward retirement and live on the remaining eighty percent. The concept of zero based budgeting starts with first identifying the monthly income available to support the family, then itemizing each expense category to fit within that income amount. The magic envelope is a weekly method of managing the discretionary spending of cash that prevents over-spending. Finally, debt management training introduces two formats to follow in getting out of debt on credit cards, open accounts and auto loans.

Sponsoring organizations that have utilized this seminar have found it to be highly impactful in terms of being basic and practical for participants use. Participants have regularly commented that the class discussions have been most appreciated as they have helped participants in adapting the seminar principles to their actual life circumstances.

If you're interested in learning more about *The Way of Money*, contact Carl Tompkins at 509.994.6478

Let's Get Practical: Give Yourself a Little Wiggle Room

As we earlier discussed the concept of humility and its importance, a great notion to carry with you through interactions with people is to always give yourself a little wiggle room during discussions. One of the toughest learning experiences I've had throughout the years deals around the subject of being very sure of myself when asserting my position on any given topic. In other words, when I was sure of myself I learned at times how wrong I really was, and that can be embarrassing. What I thought was a sure thing often turned out to be just the very opposite. Yes, further embarrassment! In one particular case, when living in Pittsburgh and working for PPG Industries, I was in a meeting with a number of business managers and I laid claim that a particular outcome could never happen. My highly respected boss advised me in a very kind voice to never say never. I, unfortunately debated him over this and was later found to be wrong. Lesson learned!

To save you any potential hard lesson, give yourself a bit of wiggle room when asserting your opinion or answer to any question. Neglect the use of such phrases as, “I'm sure,” or “I'll bet on it.” While it is proper to state your position, and you should, leave a bit of wiggle room by adding in such words as, “I'm fairly certain,” or “If memory serves me right,” and your point will be made, better accepted, and there will be little need of a napkin to wipe the egg off of your face. A little wiggle room goes well within the practice of humility.



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