

I Will

Chapter 8

I Will Avoid the Traps of Churchianity

Churchianity is not a real word but the author, Rainer defines it as “practicing our church and religious beliefs according to human standards rather than biblical guidelines.”

When we do not follow the Bible's teaching regarding how a church should function, we are practicing churchianity instead of Christianity.

In First Corinthians chapter 12, Paul discusses spiritual gifts. Here is a simple outline of the chapter.

12:1-3 Gives us the command to _____ the gifts. (Informed)

12:4-6, 11 Tells us of the _____ of the gifts. (Holy Spirit)

12:7, 29-30 The _____ of the gifts is explained. (Everyone has a gift; no one has all gifts)

12:8-10, 28 We see the diversity of the gifts. (gifts have different functions)

12:12-27 We can understand the analogy of the gifts

12:31 The chapter ends by pointing us to the _____ of the gifts (Love)

The Analogy of Gifts (12:12-27) (Human Body / Spiritual Body)

¹²For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

1. Each member in both bodies performs a vital task (vv12-13, 18)
2. No member in either body can be independent of the other members (vv14-17, 19-24)
3. Each member in both bodies is to rejoice and suffer with the other members (vv19-20, 22-27)

TVC STUDY NOTES

Five Major Symptoms of Churchianity

Symptom #1: Church Is a _____ (The Watchers)

Symptom #2: Church Is about _____ (The Selfish)

Symptom #3: Church Is about _____ on Its Flaws (The Critics)

Symptom #4: Church Has Low _____ (The Hopeless)

Symptom #5: Church Has _____ Membership (The Just Us)