

## THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERYONE

Dignity & worth of the Individual in a democratic society.

## I. Everyone is Important in the Plan of Salvation.

1. Everyone needs to be saved.

A. Isa. 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray."

B. Rom. 3:10, 23 "All have sinned."

2. God loves every one. Jno. 3:16 -- *whosoever*

## 3. Christ died for every one.

A. 2 Cor. 5:15, "He died for all"

B. I. Tim. 2:5, 6, "A ransom for all"

## 4. Everyone who believes can be saved, Jno. 6:40,

"This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life."

5. Rom. 10:4, "that every one who has faith may be justified."

## II. Every One Is Important in the Service of Christ.

## 1. We must preach the gospel to every creature, Mk. 16:15

2. I Cor. 12:14-27 -- *in the church*

A. One body -- many members, Rom. 12:5

B. Each part is indispensable.

## 3. Every one is needed in some phase of the church work.

## III. Every One is Important in our total stewardship respon.

1. Because the principle of obedience and faithfulness is involved. *Before the law - Gen. 14:20, 28:22*

A. God instituted the tithe - Lev. 27:30-32; Mal. 3:8

B. Jesus endorsed the tithe - Mt. 23:33

C. The Holy Spirit blesses the tithe

Stewardship of time, talents, & all, incl. possessions.

## 1. It is because members do not tithe that so many churches have resorted to questionable methods to raise finances.

2. Church members should be expected to support their church. They should be embarrassed and apologize for not doing so, instead of being offended when they are reminded of their responsibility.4. I Cor. 16:2 says "Every One of you" lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. Here we see that giving is to be done personally; other principles:



- A. Regularly, "on the first day of every week"  
 B. Proportionately, "as God hath prospered him"  
 C. Cheerfully, "God loves a cheerful giver." 1 Cor. 9:7  
 D. Liberally - Luke 11:38 - "good measure, pressed  
 down, shaken together, running over."

5. Pledging and giving to the unified church budget  
 through the weekly offering envelopes is our church  
 method and practice. . . . a good

6. Some offer objections to pledging:

A. "I do not believe in pledging. I'll give, but  
 I won't pledge." Did you ever hear anyone make a  
 statement like that about anything except church  
 finance? -- Paying rent, salary, bank honoring  
 your checks??

B. "I will designate my gift, not to a unified budget."  
 If so, you refuse to support at all many vital parts  
 of the local church program, or worldwide missions.  
 If everyone did like that it would be practically im-  
 possible to plan or carry out a sound financial  
 program in the church. When your church adopts  
 its budget and you designate your tithe or  
 regular pledge offering you are actually opposing  
 the financial program of your church.

C. "I don't like the way they run things at the church.  
 It is not "they"; it is "we".

D. "Too much in debt, -- taxes, etc."

Our debt to God comes before any other debt;  
 The tithe comes before taxes.

E. "I will pay when I come to church."

#### IV. Every one Is Important at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

1. Rom. 14:12, "Every one of us shall give account  
 of himself to God."

1 Cor. 3:13, "Each man's work shall become manifest."

2. II Cor. 5:10, "We must all appear before the  
 Judgment seat of Christ."

Rev. 22:12, "He is coming soon to repay every one for  
 what he has done."

African chief who killed each messenger

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### INTRODUCTION.

The Dignity and worth of the Individual  
in a democratic society.

Someone once said that "The true greatness  
of nations is in those qualities which  
constitute the greatness of the individual."  
(Charles Sumner)

One source of emotional trouble and mental  
illness is the feeling of worthlessness.

Many Christians who think they are being  
humble are just suffering from a lack of  
confidence of self worth or self esteem.

In God's sight EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT,  
and EVERYONE IS OF SUPREME WORTH & VALUE,  
or else Jesus Christ would not have died on  
the Cross as He did for your redemption.

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Conclusion: (The Judgment Seat of Christ)

A Supreme Court Justice once said to  
a man who had appeared before him in one  
of the lower courts and had escaped conviction  
by a technicality:

~~The Judge said,~~ "I know you are guilty,  
and you know it, and I wish you to remember  
that one day you will stand before a  
better and wiser judge than I, and that  
there you will be dealt with according to  
JUSTICE and not accoring to LAW."