

Simplicity of the Simple Life
Look At The Effects (Wk 16)

Romans 12:9-13 NKJV

*⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ **not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;** ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

Review the heating up process that we discussed last lesson.

NLT *Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.*

The Greek root for the word “fervent” in this passage means to boil with heat, be hot.

Turning up the heat in your spirit....serving the Lord

Let your love be real and sincere and let it get hotter as you serve the Lord.

You cannot change what you will not confront.

We have been trying to confront our own hypocrisy, lack of sincerity, and selfishness as we have been addressing the Simplicity of the Simple Life according to God’s plan.

Why? Why does God care and why do we care?

Freedom.....Joy.....Contentment

How do you serve the Lord?

Loving others

Serving others

- Rejoicing in hope
- Patient in tribulation
- Continuing steadfastly in prayer
- Distributing to the needs of the saints
- Given to hospitality

Let’s not overlook that each and every one of these are action directives.

These are not ideas or concepts that you place on the shelf like a book with good information.

I want to challenge you to figure out what each of these mean for you personally.

These are things that every single one of us should be doing, regardless of your gifting, talents, personality, or background.

There is no reason or excuse that we can use before God for not embracing and living out these characteristics.

Individual pursuit that is applied to others!

What would it look like for all of us to be committed to keeping our spirits heated up to a boiling point to pursue all of these as an experience of freedom and empowerment in the Spirit as well as a way of life with other people?

- Rejoicing in hope.....internally then shared with others
- Patient in tribulation.....personal then activated toward others
- Continuing steadfastly in prayer.....privately as well as alongside others
- Distributing to the needs of the saints.....whatever you have you can share
- Given to hospitality.....an open heart that makes room for others

What would be the effect of us all pursuing these directives together?

What word do you like better? Effects, Results, or Outcomes??

What would be the result of all of us believing God, obeying His Word, and striving to live out these directives as a lifestyle?

What would be the outcomes?

Can you even begin to image the effect.....it would be a supernatural ripple effect.

You cannot change what you will not confront.

I am begging you to look deep within yourself this morning before God.

We need every single believer in Christ Jesus to press in to making Jesus your Lord not just your Savior.

We are dreaming and believing that we can experience incredible things right here, right now, in this generation in America just like what we read about in the book of Acts.

This is my dream, my desire, my passion, my pursuit, and my commitment.

I continue to confront my junk and seek God's power for change.

Tim Duggins Sr is still learning, growing, and changing.

One of the supernatural effects that we see so powerfully in the New Testament record is unity.

A healthy Father, Son, and Holy Spirit church experiences an unusual unity or oneness of spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Unity (bond of peace)

GotQuestions.org (amazing resource if you are not utilizing it)

The word Paul uses here for “unity” (*henotēs* in Greek) refers to a condition of harmony or oneness that can only be experienced among members of Christ’s body—the church. This unity already exists as a spiritual reality through the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life. Unity of the Spirit comes from God, but its expression can be destroyed by humans and, therefore, must be guarded and maintained.

We are protecting the flock, the church against attitudes and spirits that will not participate, will not join forces, and only wants to criticize.

- Divisiveness
- Division

Lethargy, Apathy, Indifference, Apathetic

How do we live in the effect of God’s Holy Spirit providing unity, harmony, or oneness?

By intentionally turning up the heat in our spirits, hearts, and minds to serve the Lord.

Learn to love God by making time for Him.....His heart, His thoughts, His desires for you.

Learn to love others by making room and time for them. You have to learn to see others.

Serve the Lord by serving others:

- Rejoicing in hope
- Patient in tribulation
- Continuing steadfastly in prayer
- Distributing to the needs of the saints
- Given to hospitality

If you are not actively pursuing these things then repent today.