

“The Measure of a Ministry, Part 2”

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 3:5-9a

BIG IDEA: The Church is a FIELD; the goal is PRODUCTIVITY.

“For we are God’s coworkers.

You are God’s field.”

1 Corinthians 3:9a (CSB)



Productivity is achieved through diversity. (v5, 6)

- There are diverse individuals in the field.
- There are diverse tasks in the field.



Productivity is achieved through unity. (v8)

- Unity of purpose.
- Unity with distinction.



Productivity is achieved through humility. (v5-7, 9a)

- Humility results in productivity.
- Humility remembers one’s accountability.

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READ: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9a

THINK: Consider the Church as a Field, then ask yourself these questions: *Do you have a “green thumb”? What is your most notable gardening success story? Do you prefer to work with people just like you or with those who differ from you? Why does God make allowance for diversity in His “field”? How does this diversity strengthen the work of the Church? What is the one purpose all believers should be concerned with? What is the difference between UNITY and UNIFORMITY? What is the relationship between DIVERSITY and UNITY in the Church? Are you satisfied with God’s “pay scale” and “benefit package”? How does humility encourage productivity within God’s “Field”, the Church? How does a lack of humility impede productivity? When all is said and done, who gets the credit for a “bumper crop” at harvest time in God’s Field?*

DO: Identify your role within God’s “Field”, the Church. Are you a “planter” or a “waterer” or what? What reward do you desire and expect at the Judgment Seat of Christ? How does your degree of humility tell others who your “boss” is in God’s Field?