

Day 27 Colossians 3: 15 - 25

One thing I love about Home Church is its commitment to serve others. One Sunday a month we celebrate our community by serving them in many different ways.

It is amazing how the all the people who come to serve on these days make it happen. It takes all of us, regardless of our role, to be a part of the big picture.

And although we are all an intricate part of what we as a church are trying to accomplish, there are differently levels of responsibility and leadership that oversee it from start to finish.

And not just on FOR day, but in our church as a whole. To keep peace, we have to respect these different levels of responsibility and leadership, it is the way we get things done as a body of Christ.

Being a leader is not an easy task. With higher levels of leadership and responsibility comes higher levels of accountability. This is something to remember when we accept leadership roles in a growing church.

This is a corporate concept as well, but as believers we have an example of a leader that is quite different.

In Christ we have a King, a leader who had the credibility of becoming who He came to serve. He lived out what he taught, and He washed to feet of those who would later worship Him as King. He humbled Himself for our gain. This is the essence of a leader.

And that's not easy to compete with. Ask Gerald, ask Philip. Leadership in Christian terms requires a lot of seeking God for wisdom. It is because church is where people don't just bring themselves, they bring their souls. We have to be sensitive to that fact when we speak to others.

While we are all equal, we are given different responsibilities in the church. This text tells us that as members of a church we are allowing ourselves to be accountable to each other, and those in leadership.

As believers we all need accountability. It doesn't mean we should trust anyone who tells us what to do, that would be foolish. It is our responsibility to make sure what people say to us is in line with the gospel. This was the reason for the book of Colossians.

In Christianity accountability means allowing people to keep us focused on the message of the gospel. It is allowing people to help us stay on the path that Christ marked out for us. It is about allowing people the honor of helping us through hard times and celebrating with us in good times.

2 Corinthians 1:4-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we received from God.

We are a gift to each other, regardless of who we are in the body of Christ. May we see ourselves and others in that light.