

The Strength of Unity - Pulling Together, Not Apart

The Jericho Lessons

- **Introduction**
- **Joshua 5:13 – 6:21**
- **Mission or Goal:** Work in unity w/ the Lord and w/ one another, including the rest of the Body of Christ

- **Lesson 1** – Acknowledge the Lord as the Team Leader (v.14)
- **Lesson 2 (5:vv.13-14)** – God’s ambassador must represent the Lord and safeguard righteousness and justice (the narrow way) (not traditions, as the Pharisees did)
- **Lesson 3** - Interact with His representative as you would with God Himself. “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the One Who sent me.” Mt.10:40
- **Lesson 4** – Respect and support the discipleship process as it entails learning as you go/on the job towards Christlikeness. This opens the door for criticism, so...
- **Lesson 5** - Be careful when you criticize. They are the Lord’s doing/ building; criticisms also go to the One Who Sent them and is building them. “...and have tested me these ten times.” Num.14:22; “Do not touch my anointed ones...” Ps.105:15

- **Lesson 6** – Have one vision (“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...”/God’s Kingdom of Righteousness and Priests) and one mission (Go and make disciples of all peoples, languages and nations); and they are God’s, not mine or Pr. Dave’s or MCBC’s.
- **Lesson 7** – Obey the Lord. Plans are made in consultation w/ the Lord. (vv.2-5) (“So, whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.” Jn.12:49-50; “..and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me to do.” Jn.14:31)

- **Lesson 8** - Remember Lesson 2. The presence of the Ark of the Covenant (v.6) signifies action plans based on righteousness, not self-righteousness (what each one thinks is right) (e.g. Praise that pleases the Lord)
- **Lesson 9** - Praise and Thanksgiving must precede everything you do (Priests blowing *shofars* offers praise before the Lord’s throne; Power in Praise by Merlin Carothers)
- **Lesson 10** – Spend time w/ the Lord so you can see through God’s eyes. Victory was pronounced even before the battle began (“I have delivered Jericho into your hands...” v.2; “... the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church”)

- **Lesson 11** – Do not take what belongs to the Lord (vv.18-19)
- **Lesson 12** – Be unified. Pull together, not apart (w/ God and w/ fellow laborers) (v.20) “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.” Mt.12:30 (Spiritual firemen/women)

- **How does the church look like? Acts 2:42-47**

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