



## Sorting It All Out

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Welcome back and here we go!

In case you haven't heard, starting tomorrow we will be open and collecting items all week for the *Parking Lot Sale*! Hence, my working title - SORTING IT ALL OUT! But this message actually goes deeper than possessions and a sale.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ fit it?

***1 Corinthians 12:20-27 'But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.'***

I am not going to go into the specific gifts tonight --- rather, I am just going to say that you are wanted and needed.

To be honest, the members here give enough for our monthly bills. We don't NEED to have a SALE. In fact, *it is a lot of work*. But we do need opportunities to serve together, and also to provide a service for the community, not to mention, give everyone a chance to give in whatever way they can, be it *time, talent or treasure*.

As you come --- hang out --- you will see that you do fit in -- you are needed. We'll SORT IT OUT!

2) We \_\_\_\_\_ each other!

The beauty of a small ministry is we can actually get to know each other. Friendships can be formed, but you need to be here to experience it.

Hopefully, you will sort out what your part is.

- Do you feel unneeded?
- Do you feel like you have nothing to offer?
- Do you feel like there is no place for you here?
- Do you feel inadequate?

Let's SORT THAT OUT!

***Ephesians 2:19-22 'Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.'***

3) We should be \_\_\_\_\_ as a body.

In the coming days, in fact already, we have received a lot of items. Guess what. We are going to need to ----- SORT IT ALL OUT!

Some will go to the garbage. Some will need cleaning. Some will be given away. Some you may want. And some will be sold. But it will all need to be sorted. In the process, hopefully, you will find your place.

4) God will send \_\_\_\_\_ for us to \_\_\_\_\_ to!

### ***1 Thessalonians 5:14-19***

Whoever falls into which category we will have to SORT OUT!

Many will want and need PRAYER.

#### **“The Shoeshine Box”**

In our first sale, I discovered that donating personal possessions actually helped some people in a variety of ways. We had one woman come in with a shoeshine box.

5) People \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ us with items of extreme \_\_\_\_\_ value.

That shoeshine box represented a marriage of 45 years. It pained her to see it, yet she couldn't let it go. Praying with her, encouraging her, loving her..... helped her SORT IT OUT.

Her provision to us became a huge healing for her. She let go, received prayer, and mourned her loss. She felt so good leaving it here and letting that reminder go. In some ways that box had been tormenting her.

6) Your \_\_\_\_\_ are needed and \_\_\_\_\_.

My instructions: offer prayer to everyone who shows up. Pray for each other.

- Do you want to feel needed?
- Do you want a sense of accomplishment?
- Do you want wonderful memories of fellowship?

7) Look at your calendar and \_\_\_\_\_ !

***Luke 9:23-25 'Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?'***

Lay down your life! TIME .....

Lastly, look in your closet, in the garage, other people's closets .... Oh wait!!!

I think you know the line by now..... Go through and SORT IT OUT!

Tomorrow is the kick off! There is a schedule if you want to sign up --- or just show up!

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