



- As a local assembly of believers, how are we going to advance the gospel of Christ?

**First, by living a life that is \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel. vs. 27**

**Second, by working together as a \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 27**

- The Bible teaches that when we trust Christ as our Savior, His very Spirit comes to live within us and we are made \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.
- *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."*  
**1 Corinthians 6:17**
- *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."* **Ephesians 5:30**
- But did you know that God's Word teaches that we are also made one with each \_\_\_\_\_?
- *"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."* **Romans 12:5**
- *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..."*  
**1 Corinthians 12:13a**

- That position of oneness should be \_\_\_\_\_ out and practiced in our everyday relationships with one another.
- Satan's plan is to fracture the church with internal divisions.
- Each person has to know his/her \_\_\_\_\_ on the team and fulfill it to the glory of God and the advancement of the gospel.

### **Third, by displaying relentless \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 28-30**

- Paul says, "Don't be terrified of your adversaries." In other words, don't be afraid of them. Then Paul gives the church several encouragements:
  - First, these battles demonstrate the reality of your \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 28
  - Second, it is a privilege to \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. vs. 29
    - *"But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."* **1 Peter 4:15-16**
  - Third, others are experiencing the \_\_\_\_\_ suffering. vs. 30
    - *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* **2 Timothy 2:3**