## Why "Better Together" & Downright Ineffective Apart Prelude to the 2013 Northwest Conference ~ August 11, 2013 2 Corinthians 10:12–18

- For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves (i.e. who engage in self- praise for the purpose of impressing others by exalting one's self, one's pedigree, ability, and achievements); but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.
- 13 But we will not boast beyond *our* measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.
- 14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for we were the first to come even as far as you in the gospel of Christ;
- 15 not boasting beyond *our* measure, *that is,* in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, we will be, within our sphere, enlarged even more by you,
- so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, *and* not to boast in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.
- 17 But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD.
- 18 For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends.

## Why???

- Because it is the testimony of scripture
- Because all that we are given is from God
- Because we are to be stewards (caretakers) of these gifts
- Because our Lord demands it
- Because our culture needs it
- Because to do less will lead to our self-destruction


## **Upcoming Events**

- → For any of the FREE classes listed below, please fill out a registration card found in the Foyer information area and place it in "The Box" or give to an usher, or you can now register online @ www.lgministries.org under Class/Event Registration.
- ▶ Began August 5<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Comparative Religions, Pt. 2 (it's still not too late to sign up) ~ (no class on 9/2 due to Labor Day) from 6-7:30pm in Classroom #1. This course is an invitation into the analysis of the world's major religions & their contrast with biblical Christianity, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, & others ~ Mondays for 6 weeks in Classroom #1.
- ◆ August 14<sup>th</sup> ~ *Important!* ~ There will be *no Wednesday night service* because of our Conference which starts on Friday, August 16th.
- ◆ August 16<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Northwest Conference ~ this year, there are 3 Conference package deals & single-session pricing, along with "Kids Blast." Choose one that fits and start preparing now for God to move in a mighty way. Please go to www.lgministries.org & the 2013 Northwest Conference page listed under Events to register & for more information!
- ◆ <u>September 8<sup>th</sup></u> ~ <u>Child Dedication Class & Dedication @ 9:30am</u> before service in Classroom #1 parents are required to attend this class if interested in having their child dedicated. Child dedication will be during Sunday morning service.
- ◆ September 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Team Rally @ 6-7:30pm in the Chapel ~ Have you been thinking about getting involved in ministry, but you are not sure where to start? Perhaps you know what you would like to do, but not sure who to talk to about it? Join us for our ministry team rally. We will have a time of worship together, and we will have a question and answer time with the ministry teams. Meet the people involved and get the information you need!

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