

Mark 9:38-42

Every Believer's Role Is Important To Christ

Mark's Flow of Thought

Summary of Status

- 9:33-37 Status among the 12.
- 9:38-42 Status of believers outside of the 12.

Summary of Clueless Disciples

- 8:32 **Peter** doesn't understand
- 9:38 **John** doesn't understand
- 10:35 **James** and John don't understand

The Twelve Fail To See The Status of Other Believers

Mark 9:38 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us."

The Disciples Must Accept Other Believers

Mark 9:39-40 But Jesus said, %Do not hinder him, for there is no one who will perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is for us.+

Acts 19:13 But also some of the **Jewish exorcists**, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, %**adjure you by Jesus** whom Paul preaches.+

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Even Small Deeds In Christ's Name Are Valued

Mark 9:41 %For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.

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Preventing Saints From Serving Is Sinful

Mark 9:42 %Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.

Vs. 37 . %child+= the 12 disciples with no status

Vs. 42 . %little one+= believers with no status

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Applications

1. We must understand that God has gifted all of His people to be used for His kingdom . not just a small elite group.
2. We must recognize the value of each believer in the body of Christ.
3. Preventing believers from using their gifts is harmful to the body and sinful before God.

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1. God Has Gifted All His People

- The apostles were unique!
- The apostles are not, however, the only ones God has gifted or chosen to use.

Mark 9:38 Teacher, **we** saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and **we** tried to prevent him because he was **not following us.**+

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1. God Has Gifted All His People

Numbers 11:27-29 So a young man ran and told Moses and said, %**Elad and Medad** are prophesying in the camp.+Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, said, %**Moses, my lord, restrain them.**+ But Moses said to him, %**Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!**+

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1. God Has Gifted All His People

Acts 2:16-17 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ~~%~~And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit **on all flesh**, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams ~~q~~

1 Corinthians 12:13 NET For in one Spirit **we were all** baptized into one body. Whether Jews or Greeks or slaves or free, **we were all** made to drink of the one Spirit.

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2. We Must Recognize Each Believer's Value

1 Corinthians 12:14-15,17-18 For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, ~~%~~Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,+it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body~~o~~ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now **God has placed the members**, each one of them, in the body, **just as He desired.**

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3. Preventing Usage of The Gifts Is Wrong

1 Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, ~~%~~**have no need of you**+; or again the head to the feet, ~~%~~**have no need of you**.+

Romans 12:6-8 And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual **must use it** in proportion to his faith. If it is service, he **must serve**; if it is teaching, he **must teach**; if it is exhortation, he **must exhort**; if it is contributing, he **must do so** with sincerity~~o~~

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