

- Understand that our perspective is valuable, even if we are not in charge.
- Just because we disagree, doesn't mean we are disloyal as long as we keep it to ourselves.
- However, at the end of the day, the perspective of the leader is what should \_\_\_\_\_.
- They should not have to feel bad for their perspective or keep defending themselves over and over.
- Defer to the perspective of your leader if it is \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.

### 3. When it comes to those we are \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are a leader, consider the perspective of others, and if appropriate, allow it to influence you

# COEXISTING WITH DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**1 John 4:5** *They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.*

**Proverbs 12:15** *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*

**Proverbs 14:12** *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

**Romans 8:28** *And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Perspective: A particular attitude toward or way regarding something

- Your \_\_\_\_\_ in a matter is your opinion or point of view concerning that matter.
- While it is often \_\_\_\_\_ to share the same perspective on things, some of us may have a different perspectives on other things

I'd like to answer three questions concerning perspective, that will dramatically help us in our daily relationships and responsibilities:

## Where does our perspective come from?

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ experience

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ experience
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- \_\_\_\_\_

- Secular
- \_\_\_\_\_-based

**Colossians 3:2** *Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth*

- \_\_\_\_\_ place in life

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (associations)

**Proverbs 27:17** *Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*

**1 Corinthians 15:33** *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*

- Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ we have, we learned from a friend.

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (our selfishness)

- We allow our selfishness and pride to alter our perspective.
  - On \_\_\_\_\_
  - On \_\_\_\_\_
  - On \_\_\_\_\_
  - On \_\_\_\_\_
  - On \_\_\_\_\_

## What are the dangers of not understanding perspective?

- More \_\_\_\_\_
- A lack of \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 3:8** *Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.*

**Ephesians 4:3** *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

**Psalms 133:1** *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

## How do we dwell together in unity with differing perspectives?

### 1. When it comes to those \_\_\_\_\_ us

- Acknowledge that others may have a different perspective than you in many areas... and that's not always a bad thing.
- Understand that it is \_\_\_\_\_ to see life from your perspective.
- Realize it is possible to get a glimpse of life from another's perspective.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ to others
  - By trying to \_\_\_\_\_ to others
- Consider that there is a possibility that others may have a \_\_\_\_\_ view than you on a certain matter.

### 2. When it comes to those \_\_\_\_\_ us

- Understand that God ultimate places \_\_\_\_\_ in their respective places.

**Romans 13:1** *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained.*

- Most, if not all, of the time, God has allowed leaders to have more of a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective than we do.