

My Place in the Big Picture of God's Plan

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Ephesians 4:11-16

***"...when each part is working properly,
makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."***

Every Christian has a role to play in God's plan for the growth of His church.

- ❖ Just as the human body has thousands of parts that must function together in order for the body to be healthy, so the church has many people, each with God given gifts and talents, to be used in serving one another for the health of the Body of Christ!

📖 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

f Many members – One Body. (verse 12)

f God arranged the members in the body as He chose. (verse 18)

f God has composed the body that there may be no divisions. (verses 24-25)

f God's plan is that members would sincerely care for one another. (verse 25)

- ❖ The Ministries of WPCC are ...

... Building close relationships around Christ and His Word.

... Caring for and teaching our children in a safe and Godly environment.

... Facilitating the God's call on parents to bring up their children in the instruction of the Lord.

... Giving the inmates in the county jail the message of hope through the teaching of God's Word.

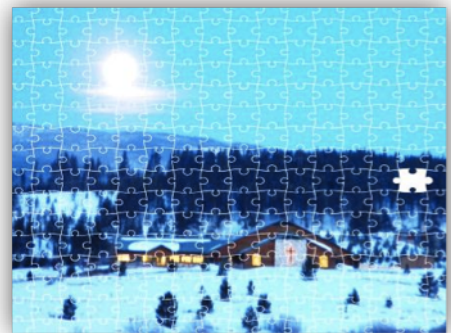
... Sharing the message of God's healing power to those with "Hurts, Habits or Hang-ups."

"Have you ever completed a huge puzzle ... only to find one piece missing? 'It is only one piece out of a thousand. It isn't even a central piece in the puzzle. It is off in a corner.' But there is no way around it, when one piece is missing, that hole becomes the most important piece.

It is easy for us to see ourselves as unimportant in this world. What we do for God seems small, off in the shadows, not really significant. We are just one in a thousand. Who'll even notice if I don't show up, if I don't do my part, if I just fade into the shadows, if I stop giving, stop helping, stop sharing?

But like the puzzle piece, you have a part to play and no one else fits into that place as beautifully as you. I composed the little poem below to remind myself that my part is important. I can't shirk my duty even if it seems small and insignificant.

My piece may seem small
In the plans of God's Heart.
But the picture's not finished
Till I do my part."



“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” Ephesians 4:15-16

Endnotes:

¹ Malm, Rick. "Puzzle Piece." *cten.org*. Commission To Every Nation, April 2014. <http://www.cten.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/2014-April-Puzzle-Piece.pdf>. Web.

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