

ONE VOICE

John 1:23

We must never, never ever, underestimate the value of one!

I. THE NEGATIVES OF ONE

A. ONE IS LONELY

- John was the voice of one lone messenger

B. ONE IS LOATHSOME

1. Only one
2. Not too terribly important

C. ONE IS LACKLUSTRE

1. Insignificant
2. Humiliating

II. THE NATURE OF ONE - John 5:33-35

A. HE IS REPORTING (33)

- When inquired of, John testified regarding the truth - John 1:19-27

B. HE IS RADIATING (35a)

- A burning and shining light is one that is operational

C. HE IS REJECTED (35b)

- John had only one message and offered nothing new or unique to maintain people's interest

III. THE NOTORIETY OF ONE

A. BY ONE, THE MESSIAH IS REPRESENTED

1. Preparation for Christ
 - a. John is a witness to the light - John 1:6-8
 - b. John was one preparing the way of the Lord - Luke 3:4-6
2. Identification of Christ - John 1:29, 36

B. BY ONE, THE MULTITUDES REPENT

2.

1. His Words.

- He appeared preaching “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin” - Mark 1:4

2. Their Will

- They were baptized “confessing their sins” - Matt. 3:6 and Mark 1:5

3. Their Works

- Bringing fruits worthy of repentance - Luke 3:8

C. BY ONE, THE MIGHTY ARE REBUKED

1. The Religious - Luke 3:7-9

2. The Royal - Luke 3:18-19

IV. THE NECESSITY OF ONE

A. EXAMINATION

1. How could you count if there were not a “one?”
2. How could you fellowship if there were no one?

B. EXCLAMATION

1. Nothing is begun without a “one”
2. Nothing is done without one

C. EXAMPLES

1. Noah - Gen. 6:5-6
2. Joseph - Gen. 39:7-12
3. Joshua - Josh. 24:15
4. David - I Sam. 17:45
5. Elijah - I Kings 18:21
6. Daniel - Dan. 1:8
7. Isaiah - Isaiah 6:8
8. Jesus Christ - Rom. 5:15, 18

CONCLUSION:

Will you let your one voice be heard and your one light shine? - Matthew 5:16

Consider some of the saddest of God’s words found in Ezekiel 22:30

"I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; ***but I found no one.***

God is looking today for just one.

- Are you willing to be that one?

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