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JOINT REPAIR



Most of you are aware that I will be undergoing total hip replacement surgery this Wednesday, September 11th. Since injuring my right hip on March 1st I have experienced pain and a prominent limp. It is amazing what doctors can do and I'm looking forward to better mobility.

In light of my upcoming surgery I began to wonder what the Bible said about joint repair. I found three passages that indicate the beauty of a properly working joint or the ugliness of a poorly functioning one. First, consider Proverbs 25:19 which says, "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint." (KJV). Here is a reminder that we need to be faithful to others when they are going through difficulty. Unfortunately I'm afraid we neglect to think of the pain we may cause others by failing to sympathize and support them during their distress. If we tend to ignore others amid their troubles let's commit to correcting what's out of place.

Then too, consider Ephesians 4:15-16, "but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." Paul's context is that of a local church setting, therefore we see the requirement for every believer to be making a contribution to the overall effectiveness of their local church. If your joint is diseased or dysfunctional you need to get involved and contribute to the good of the congregation.

Finally, we read in Hebrews 12:12-13, "Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed." Here we are reminded of the need for exercise. The weak hands, feeble knees and crooked paths need attention. If we do not change our ways, our continued obstinance may lead to a permanent out-of-orderedness.

In areas that we need repaired I hope we will not be happy with simply limping along. My prayer is that each of us would submit to the Savior's surgery.

Looking Up,
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