

# THE "TATOR" FAMILY

1Cor 12:13-27

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. A family that is a detriment to the cause of Christ
- B. Need to examine ourselves - Lord is it I Mk. 14:19
- C. These are characteristics that a Christian should not possess.
- D. Not a rebuke but an admonition 1Tim 4:2; Rom 15:14

## DISCUSSION:

### I. THE SPEC - TATOR

- A. Always look on - does nothing to help
- B. I "can't " - Sing, pray, teach, visit
- C. Use talents (opportunities) we have according to abilities Matt 25:14-30
- D. I can do: Phil 4:13; Psa 84:10; 1Cor 15:58
- E. I must do: Every joint supplies Eph 4:16; Fields white Jhn 4:35; Also Jas 4:17 & Rom 6:23

### II. COMEN - TATOR

- A. Gives advice on how to do or criticizes the way something is being done
- B. Jesus' Observation of Pharisees Matt 23:3, 4
- C. Do as I say and not as I do Rom 2:19-21
- D. Fault finder mote hunter Matt 7:3-5; Rom 3:23 Jas 5:16
  - 1. We must correct error & confess faults
  - 2. Procedure to go through Matt 18:15-17

### III. IMI - TATOR

- A. Copies others - follows the crowd
- B. No convictions - just goes along Eph 4:14; Ex 23:2; Prov 1:10; Eph 5:11
- C. Have faith to stand alone if necessary Heb 11:1,6,7,8,24; Eph 6:11-14; Phil 1:14 -17; Gal 2:11

### IV. DIC - TATOR

- A. Rule or Ruin
- B. Example of this spirit 2Jhn 9-11
- C. Humility makes one great in kingdom of heaven Matt 18:1-4; 20:26-28
- D. Love seeks not her own 1Cor 13:4,5
- E. Be careful of importance we place on ourselves Rom 12:3; Col 2:1-8
- F. Even Overseers can't be "Lords" over God's heritage 1Pet 5:1-3

### V. AGI - TATOR

- A. Trouble maker - never satisfied unless problems exist .
- B. Should seek peace 1Pet 3:11; Eph 4:3; Psa 133:1
- C. Tongue is used to stir up trouble. Jas 3:1-8
  - 1. Whispering, Backbiting, Tattling, Busybody

- 2. One who blackens names & characters of others – yet always innocent - never does any wrong.

D. Mark them and avoid them Rom 16:17,18

E. One of 7 things God hates - he that soweth discord among brethren Prov 6:16-19

### VI. HESI - TATOR

- A. Always planning - thinking about doing
- B. I intend to -- some day
  - 1. Give up worldliness - bad language bad habits
  - 2. Obey Gospel, attend regularly, be more diligent in study, visiting, give more.
- C. It is good to plan or purpose in fact purposing is linked to our giving 2Cor 9:7
  - 1. But purposing or planning must be carried out
  - 2. Jhn 9:4; Jas 2:21-25
  - 3. "On the plains of hesitation leech the bones of countless millions who, at the dawn of victory sat down to wait - and waiting, died." -- George W. Cecil In an advertisement in American Magazine March, 1923

## CONCLUSION:

- A. The church does not need any of these individuals - in fact it would be better off without them.
- B. The church needs those who not only plan but also do – Who try to avoid trouble, are willing to serve rather than rule - who will stand alone if necessary so that they may stand for Christ -who will help rather than just give advice – who will get involved instead of just looking on from the sidelines.
- C. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY?

(From Oliver Murray - adapted by JLH)