

Words of Encouragement

Script - **Prov. 25:11**

- A. The Corona virus seems to be like a dark cloud hanging over us. It has changed our church and ministry significantly
1. Stay at home and shelter in place.
 2. No meeting together for church services.
 3. No fellowship lunches.
 4. No outreach ministries.
 5. No public singing.
 6. No children's classes.
 7. No special music.
 8. No children's story

It makes our church services and ministry seem disjointed (1 Cor. 12:18-22) and all parts are needed.

- B. Methods that Christ employed for healing.
1. The ministry of touch (Mk. 10:14-16; 8:22; Lk. 6:19).
 2. Natural remedies (Jn. 9:6-7; 2 Ki. 20:1, 4-7).
 3. Teaching ministry (Mk. 1:21-22) Also mentioned 42 times in other places.
 4. Music ministry (Mt. 26:30).
 5. By example (Jn. 13:15).
 6. Words of encouragement (Prov. 25:11).
 - a. By the pool of Bethesda (Jn. 5).
 - b. The little maid and the healing of Naaman the Syrian (2 Kings 5:1-4).
 - c. Paul shipwrecked (Acts 27:33-36).
- C. There is power in God's word. (Prov. 18:21; Heb. 11:3; Ps. 33:6, 9).
1. Yes our ministry seems disjointed without all the parts functioning (1 Cor. 12:18-22)
 2. Our scripture reading emphasizes three important things;
 - a. The unity of the body, even with its many different parts.
 - b. The importance of each part.
 - c. God has set each part in the body as He pleases.
 3. It is important that each one of us uses his own gifts and talents to touch the lives of others especially now during this time of the corona virus.