Neat But Negative (The Other Manger)

Tony Mauck · Proverbs 14:4

INTRODUCTION

- Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean. But abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.
- The readiness to accept upheaval, mess, work to do, cleanup, and a mess to clear up. As the price of growth.
- Good things, growing things, productive things, can often cause a little unpleasantness, a little discomfort, and may require some cleaning up.

1 Practicing Hospitality

Acts 2:46; 1 Peter 4:8–9

- They ate their meals together with gladness and singleness of heart at the very beginning.
- The one who is a living sacrifice and who is no longer conformed to this world… he practices hospitality.
- Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another. Because love covers a multitude of sins.
- Be hospitable to one another without complaint. Now, why do you think it says that? Because it's hard. It requires an expenditure of yourself.
- Pick somebody that you need to get to know better. Spend time with them. Get to know your brother or sister.
- We lose a lot of young people from families who never ever have other Christians in their homes.

2 The Cost of Leadership and Involvement

Hebrews 13:17

- Too many people among the Lord's people are content to sit on the sidelines and let somebody else do the work.
- When you lead, you set yourself up for unjust criticism, rejection, judgment, and pain.
- We should submit to our leaders as they give an account for our souls that they do not have to do so with grief.
- People who lead get criticized. People who lead sacrifice.
- Serving in the Lord's cause in whatever capacity you can, regardless of the cost, is worth every effort.

THE CHALLENGE

Let's roll up our sleeves together. Do the good work.

MY NOTES