## **Are You Part of the Body of Christ?**

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 11:24-29

The boards in the Tabernacle of Moses have gold covering them and golden rings on them. Now, it is the ring that holds the bar. If the bar is the ministry, then it is the congregation that holds the ministry and not the ministry that holds that congregation. However, the church is bringing in all kinds of psychological ploys to hold their congregation.

I remember when we started a group in Port Saint Lucie, where I lived, a lot of the people broke away from the churches to come and hear the truth. All of a sudden, our congregation was filled with ministers and spies. They came in to see what I was preaching in order to get back their people. Soon they began to tell the brethren all manner of lies about what we were preaching. They have a thing in the church order, a psychological plan called "kicking upstairs." Let me explain it. This sister came and she accepted that this Word of the Lord was true. When the pastor heard this, he immediately promoted her. He made her leader of the choir. She loved music, so she was taken up with that and we never saw her again. Psychology is strange fire that they bring into the congregation.

Now, how do you know that you are part of the Body of Christ? You must have gold before you can hold a golden bar. In other words, you must have the Spirit of God working with you. You must be hearing God before you will be able to hear the truth from God. So, if you can't hear God, you can't be part of the Body of Christ because God says, "I will walk in them, and I will talk in them." So, if you are not able to hear the voice of God at all, you are not able to listen to the ministry of God.

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Though for today: In order to be part of the Body of Christ, you must be able to hear God.