

# **Clothespin Hair (Serving God) (The Church) (Working Together)**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25*

## **The Basic Bible Truth**

The success or failure of the Church rests on how well its members work together. The picture throughout the New Testament is that of a body. We are all of the same body, but with different functions and responsibilities. And the key to it all is cooperation. The human body would be an unrecognizable mess were it not for the perfect relationship between all of the parts, each doing what it was designed to do, but functioning as a complete unit. Unity, not unison. We are different, and that, for a reason. We should recognize our unique location, and work in the local church and continue doing our best for God, willing to coordinate our work with that of others.

## **The Object**

Many Hundreds of Spring Loaded Clothespins



This object lesson is a team competition for the entire class. Divide the group into as many teams as you desire. Usually 4-5 per team works well. Hand each team an identical number of clothespins. I usually provide many. Inform each group that they are to pick one of their team as a model. The remaining team

members are to create and apply the best, most creative hairdo using only clothespins. I have had teams create everything from mullets to mohawks. In my rulebook, ear, nose, and eyebrow ornamentation is allowed. Be sure to have a judging panel available. The results are always interesting.

### **The Lesson**

Create the competition with as much fanfare as you like. Complete with prizes for the winners. If a large group is involved, you might award for most original, best in show, honorable mention, etc. I usually photograph the winners and make posters for the following week.

You can segue into the lesson by pointing out that this was a team effort. Everyone contributed something. Church is a team “sport”. We are to work together. Touch on these basic concepts when explaining the role and function of the Church:

1. God commanded that the church exist and He planned out its structure and functions. It's His rules and His game. We must follow His game plan.
2. Worshipping God together is powerful. He said, “Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My Name, I will be there”.
3. We need each other. At creation, God created everything, and as He finished each step, He said, “It is good!” Except when He created man. He said, “It is not good...for man to be alone.” We are created beings that need relationships to be complete.
4. We grow more together than alone. I have noticed this in gardening. Many plants grow and produce better if surrounded by others like themselves. The very edges of a farmer's wheat field are always the thinnest, poorest crop. But out in the middle of the field, the wheat stalks flourish.

I have met many people who will not darken the door of a church, claiming that they worship God in their own way, or that they are “spiritual people”. The sad fact is, they are too proud to humble themselves to the point of admitting that they need other people in their life. God made us social beings, hungry for relationships. Let's admit it.