INTRODUCTION:
1. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Paul likens the church unto a body with different members, all being needed and having different areas of responsibility.
2. However, there are certain characteristics found in some people that are not needed in the church.
   A. The result of such attitudes is that the work of the church is hampered, and congregations are often destroyed.
3. Although the church is open to all, there are those who possess such attitudes that we would have to say we would not need them in the church because they do more harm than good.

BODY:
1. THOSE WHO ARE DICTATORS LIKE DIOTREPHES - 3 John 9
   A. Diotrephes wanted preeminence and did not care about the havoc that he caused so long as he got what he wanted.
   B. God hates those that sow the seeds of discord - Proverbs 6:16-19.
   C. In matters of judgment, the elders have the rule - Hebrews 13:17.
      1. “Obey” here means to “give up to.”
   D. The elder brother in the parable of the prodigal son is an example of this attitude - Luke 15:11-32 (esp. v.28).
      1. As this elder brother “pouted” over the situation he gives us an example of how we look when we “pout” when we don't get our way or praised enough for our deeds.
2. THOSE WHO ARE ENVIOUS AND JEALOUS LIKE JOSEPH'S BROTHERS - GENESIS 37 (ESPECIALLY V. 11)
   A. In this chapter we see a story of hatred and bitter contempt caused by the jealousy of Joseph's brothers.
   B. In the church some become jealous and envious when others are noticed and commended for their work.
      1. It seems that many preachers cannot allow others to be more popular than they are.
      2. When such are found, they seek to destroy their name.
3. THOSE LIKE JOHN MARK WHO TURN BACK - ACTS 13:13
   A. It is useless to speculate on why he turned did so.
   B. Clearly the most sickening text in the entire Bible speaks to this matter - 2 Peter 2:20-22.
   C. We need to understand that faithfulness is determined by the way in which we receive the Word - Luke 8:4-15.
      1. This is why our hearts need to be right with God.
4. THOSE LIKE DAVID, WHO SEE OTHER'S FAULTS BUT NOT THEIR OWN - 2 SAMUEL 11, 12 (ESPECIALLY12:1-7)
   A. David thought it wrong to steal a lamb, but not another's wife.
B. Every thing we say should always be for the benefit of the brethren rather than self
C. Jesus condemned harsh, censorious judgment - Matthew 7:1-5.
   1. Some times we speak of others and their reason for doing things in a very judgmental way.
D. We must remember that as we judge, so shall we be judged.
E. We need to be careful to confess our faults, not those of others - James 5:19, 20.
5. THOSE LIKE JUDAS, WHO LOVED MONEY MORE THAN THEY LOVE THE LORD - MATTHEW 26:14-16; 27:3.
A. A study conducted several years ago indicated that members of the churches of Christ were among the top in giving.
   1. There were only two religious organizations that gave more than we did.
      A. Recently, a similar study has indicated that we are not even listed in the top 30.
B. We often spend more on dog food than we do for the Great Commission.
   1. Many of us spend more on Sunday afternoon lunch than we give on Sunday morning to the Lord and His church.
      A. Story - parents complaining about singing, sermon, etc., then their son said he didn't think it was a bad show for a $1.00.
C. We still have the responsibility to lay by in store as God has prospered - 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2.
A. This man clearly believed in congratulating himself.
   1. This person needed a good dose of Isaiah 64:6.
B. We give this man a hard time, but look at his life.
   1. He was devoutly religious and went to the temple on a daily basis - verse 10.
   2. He was decent and upright in business and marriage -verse 11.
   3. He fasted twice weekly and tithed.
C. In many ways this man puts many of us to shame.
   1. But he let his good deeds go to his head and pride took over.
D. We need to remember that God asks us to humble ourselves - James 4:10.

CONCLUSION:
1. The church does not need these types.
   A. If we are like these we need to correct the problem.