

ONE MINUTE MESSAGE

NO SMALL PARTS (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

I bought a new lawn mower last year, shelling out big money for me: \$249.50 plus tax. I briefly considered a riding mower for much more, but I've got teenage sons; I won't need to buy a rider for 4 more years.

Unfortunately, my new mower lasted only about 4 months. The little plastic center broke on the rear wheel, rendering the machine unusable. What's worse, the standard wheel they sell at Home Depot doesn't fit my mower. Worse than that, my mower model has been discontinued already and I can't special order the part. We're talking about a little piece of plastic the size of a half dollar—probably costs less than that to make—but without it my mower is as useless as, well, a three-wheeled lawn mower.

I tried gluing the old piece together. No luck. I tried modeling a replacement. Didn't work. I tried mowing with only three wheels. Impossible. The bottom line is that without this 50 cent piece of plastic, my \$250 mower is sidelined.

It's interesting how the absence of one tiny, seemingly insignificant part can cripple the whole machine--just like something as trivial as a sore toe can sideline players as great Deion Sanders or Dizzy Dean. It's the same way in the ministry. Every member of the team is vital -- though every member doesn't always realize it. Every teacher, every assistant, every helper plays a vital role. Paul wrote about this...

You can easily see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13 The Message)

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