

Our Need One for Another

If everyone possessed the same gifts, there would be no need for us.

THE GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:15-20 - *If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.*

- 1. Becoming content with your gift is vital to the body.**
- 2. The body is lacking without your gift being released.**
- 3. Diversity of gifts is God's design.**

THE PEOPLE

1 Corinthians 12:21-26 - *The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

- 1. Everyone is important in a united body**

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- 2. Weakness is not related to necessity in the body**
- 3. The parts that appear to be weak are to be given greater honor.**
- 4. United we stand, divided we fall**