

The Church's MVP

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

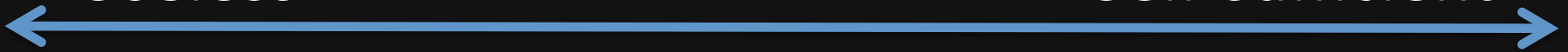
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What's Your Place In The Church?

Feeling
Useless

Feeling
Self-sufficient



1 Corinthians 12:12-14

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—



1 Corinthians 12:12-14

*and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
14 Even so the body is not made up of one
part but of many.*



- The body needs diversity!



1 Corinthians 12:15-18

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to



1 Corinthians 12:15-18

the body,” it would not for that reason stop being 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?



1 Corinthians 12:15-18

¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.



- The body needs diversity!
- God has placed you in the body!



1 Corinthians 12:19-20

19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.



- The body needs diversity!
- God has placed you in the body!
- You have no reason to feel inferior.



1 Corinthians 12:21

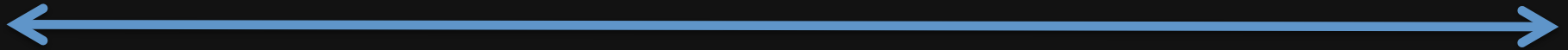
21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"



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“I’m not like them.
The church
doesn’t need me.”

“They’re weak.
I don’t need
those people.”



1 Corinthians 12:22-26

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



1 Corinthians 12:22-26

with special modesty,²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,²⁵ so that there should be no



1 Corinthians 12:22-26

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.



- The body needs diversity!
- God has placed you in the body!
- You have no reason to feel inferior.
- You have no reason to feel superior.



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“I’m not like them.
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“I’m a valuable
and gifted
member of the
body of Christ,
and so is
everyone else.”

Feeling
Self -Sufficient

→
“They’re weak.
I don’t need
those people.”



1 Corinthians 12:27-31

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.



1 Corinthians 12:27-31

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.



1. All of us are born again to do God's
work by God's power.



1. All of us are born again to do God's work by God's power.
2. All of us are born again to take risks of faith in serving God.



3. All of us are born again to share God's
heart for people.



