

Power in Diversity – 31 August 2025
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Power in Diversity. The word diversity means the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds whether male, female, young, old etc. Diversity is power and when people begin working together, lifting up the name of Jesus Christ and expecting the same thing, nothing will stop the advance of God's kingdom in taking territory, advancing Kingdom Agendas and uniting people under the name of Jesus Christ with no compromise.

Main Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, Romans 12:4–9, Ephesians 4:15–16

1 Corinthians 12:12–27 (NKJV) ¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*?

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Romans 12:4–8 (NKJV)

⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our*

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ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Ephesians 1:15–19 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

1. Diversity in power begins with you the individual. You were created with a purpose. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) You have to make a determination and decision that you want to make a difference and be part of the movement to expand God's kingdom. What does this mean?
 - a. The moment you begin to say "yes" to what God is doing and you decide to be part of the kingdom expansion, you open up the door for physical and spiritual attacks on your life.
 - i. 2 Timothy 2:1–3 (NKJV) **2** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
 - ii. Endure hardship. Your faith must be developed and exercised in order for it to grow and develop. It will pass. Whatever you face in life it will pass.
 - iii. Psalm 121:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? ² My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
 - b. You open up the door for blessings to come and overtake you.
 - i. Colossians 3:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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- ii. Ephesians 1:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power
 - 1. Exceeding greatness: to throw beyond and magnitude.
 - 2. Power: Dunamis – miracle working healing, violent power of God for miracles.
- 2. What God gives unto you, it is not just for you, it is so that you can be a blessing to others (giving, teaching, mentoring, etc)
 - a. Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2 ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
 - b. Your knowledge, your training, etc, God has given it to you to bless your family, but also to be a blessing to others especially within the place where you worship.
- 3. Diversity in power causes you to see through the eyes of others at different angles for a better understanding. This gives you access to life experiences and knowledge about specific events and situations.
 - a. What does diversity in power look like?
 - b. Each individual represented has a voice in this ministry.
 - c. You have to develop trust with those who you do life with.

Application

1. Don't judge a book by its cover. Don't let the outside deter you from the wealth of knowledge and experiences on the inside of the individual.

2. Listen with expectancy. Hearing and Listening is two different things. Listening is when one hears, understands, differentiate what is being said or asked of and can give a response based upon the understanding providing feedback for growth.

3. Never be afraid to ask for help. This is a sign of unity and strength

4. Embrace the diversity of HPC. We have such a diverse team that someone is available to be able and minister to your needs.