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THE GIFTS AND INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCH

I. THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCH (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

A. Anatomy 101 (12:12a)

1. The Apostle Paul used the human body to illustrate a _____ _____ or reality concerning the Church.

2. The human body is complete as _____ _____, though consisting of many _____ members.

B. The Applications (12:12b-13)

1. Just like the human body is a compilation of many individual parts, yet one body, so also is the _____ of _____. (12:12b)

2. The means of this spiritual positional unity is the _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit relative to every believer in this age. (12:13)

C. Anatomy 201 (12:14-17)

1. Each member of the human body is _____ with its _____ and _____, while recognizing that its difference does not mean it is not a part of the whole body. (12:14-16)

2. Each part of the human body has a _____ _____ that no other part can do. (12:17)

D. The Applications (12:18-20)

1. Each believer's place of service and spiritual gift has been _____ _____ by God. (12:18)

2. Each believer's place of service and spiritual gift is _____ for the proper function and growth of the Body of Christ. (12:19-20)

E. The Anatomy 301 (12:21-24a)

1. Every member of the human body has a built-in _____ with each other. (12:21)

2. Even those members of the human body which are deemed "not that important" we actually bestow _____ _____ (with shoes, gloves or clothing); and other members of the body simply need normal _____ or respect. (12:22-24a)

F. The Applications (12:24b-25)

1. God composed the Body of Christ so that there should be _____ _____ among its members. (12:24b-25a)

2. God composed the Body of Christ so that believers would have the same _____ and _____ for one another. (12:25b)

G. Anatomy 401 (12:26)

1. If one member of the human body _____ (like the little finger), the _____ body suffers with it. (12:26a)

2. If one member of the human body is _____ (with a pat on the back), the _____ body is honored with it. (12:26b)

H. The Applications (12:27-31)

1. Remember your _____… *"you* [plural] *are the body* [singular] *of Christ."* (12:27a)

2. Remember your _____… *"and members individually."* (12:27b)

3. Recognize God's _____ regarding your place of service and spiritual gifts. (12:28)

4. Recognize God's _____ and your _____ regarding your place of service and spiritual gifts. (12:29-30)

5. Recognize God's *"more excellent way"* of using your spiritual gifts is to do so in _____. (12:31)