

**Values**  
***What is Important to Us?***  
Week 03: One Another

**Scripture**

Various

**Series**

**Week 1: The Scriptures** (*The Holy Spirit of God and the Word of God enable us to do the will of God*)

**Week 2: Discipleship** (*Every member a minister of the Gospel*)

**Week 3: One Another** (*Together we can do more*)

**Week 4: Missions** (*Do for one what we wish we could do for all*)

**Week 5: Relationships** (*The larger we grow, the smaller we must grow*)

**Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)**

Today, I'd like to take a look at our third value, **Together We Can Do More.**

THE church accomplishes more when EVERYONE is serving others.

We value every part of the church body and firmly believe that God will use those who make themselves available to Him.

The problem many churches face is that a few people are participating while the rest are spectating.

We desire EVERYONE to be involved in doing something.

Why? Because together the church body can do more.

Think of your body right now.

How does it feel when one part isn't working or functioning properly?

- Throw your back out?
- Stub your toe?
- Scratch on your eye?
- Broken bone?

It's so much easier when everything functions as it should.

## Information (What They Need to Know)

Here's a question that we need to wrestle with...

If we are a **part** of the body of Christ, shouldn't we be **functioning as a part** of the body?

Does Jesus want *participators* or *spectators*?

He wants us to be participators and enables us by giving us spiritual gifts and abilities.

Paul writes to the church at Corinth to explain how ALL using their spiritual gifts benefits the body.

**1 Corinthians 12:1 (NLT)** Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this.

### What are spiritual gifts?

*Divine abilities given by the Holy Spirit to all believers for use in building and benefiting the church body for the glory of God*

### Principles to help us work together:

**Principle #1: Everyone has been given a gift(s) by the Holy Spirit to help others**

**1 Corinthians 12:4 (NLT)** There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. **5** There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. **6** God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. **7** *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.* **11** It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

### GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

- Apostleship (starting new ventures to communicate the gospel)
- Evangelism (passion to share the gospel and finds innovative ways to do it)
- Knowledge (creatively connects the Scriptures to everyday life)
- Pastor (shepherding, protecting, and challenging people entrusted to them)

## **GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE**

- Discernment (able to distinguish between good and evil, as well as warns the church about dangers)
- Teaching (a lover of the Scriptures who desires and instructs others to see it in context)
- Wisdom (the ability to take knowledge and challenge others to live in obedience)

## **GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE**

- Exhortation (encourages others to remain faithful even when times are difficult)
- Giving (a desire to meet the needs of others and finds practical ways to do so)
- Mercy (those willing to walk beside someone who is experiencing hardship)
- Service (actions or tasks done, often in the background, for the purpose of demonstrating God's love to others)

## **GIFTS THAT SUPPORT ALL PURPOSES**

- Administration (thrives in organizing, developing systems/structures, and fulfilling tasks for the furtherance of the Gospel in the organization)
- Faith (individuals whose confidence in God is contagious in the gathering of God's people)
- Leadership (consuming passion to revive old and explore new ways to lead people to grow in their faith)

## **GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE (Worship Gifts)**

- Art (using words, art, design, or other elements to help people experience God's presence)
- Music (a strong desire to see people connect with God's presence through music)
- Prophecy (someone immersed in the Scriptures who carefully and sensitively builds up the people of God with the truth)

## **Principle #2: Everyone uses their gift(s) so that the body can function properly**

**1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)** The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **13** Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. **14** Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

- Each part of the body is necessary

**1 Corinthians 12:15 (NLT)** If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? **17** If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

- God has uniquely gifted you to function as a part of the body

**1 Corinthians 12:18 (NLT)** But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. **19** How strange a body would be if it had only one part! **20** Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

### **Principle #3: Everyone respects the gift(s) of others, for the sake of unity**

**1 Corinthians 12:22 (NLT)** In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. **23** And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, **24** while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. **25** This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. **26** If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

### **Principle #4: Everyone uses their gift(s) in love**

**1 Corinthians 13:2 (NLT)** If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. **3** If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.

### **Application (What They Need to Do)**

#### ***Steps to Take for Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gift...***

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- Learn about Your Gift(s)
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