

Gifted to Serve

THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Romans 12:6-8

THE FOUNDATION

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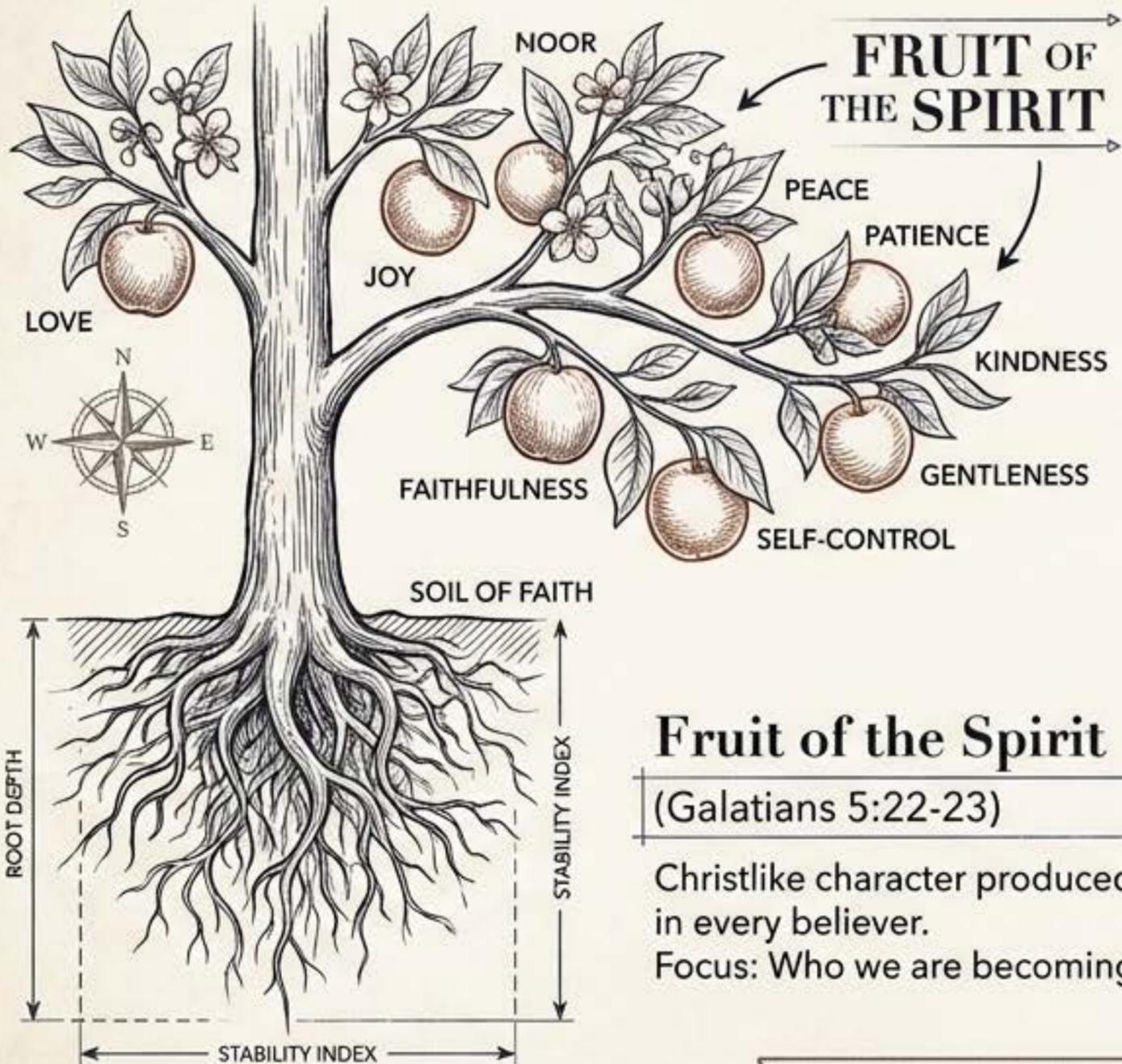


Fruit Before Function



THE FUNCTION

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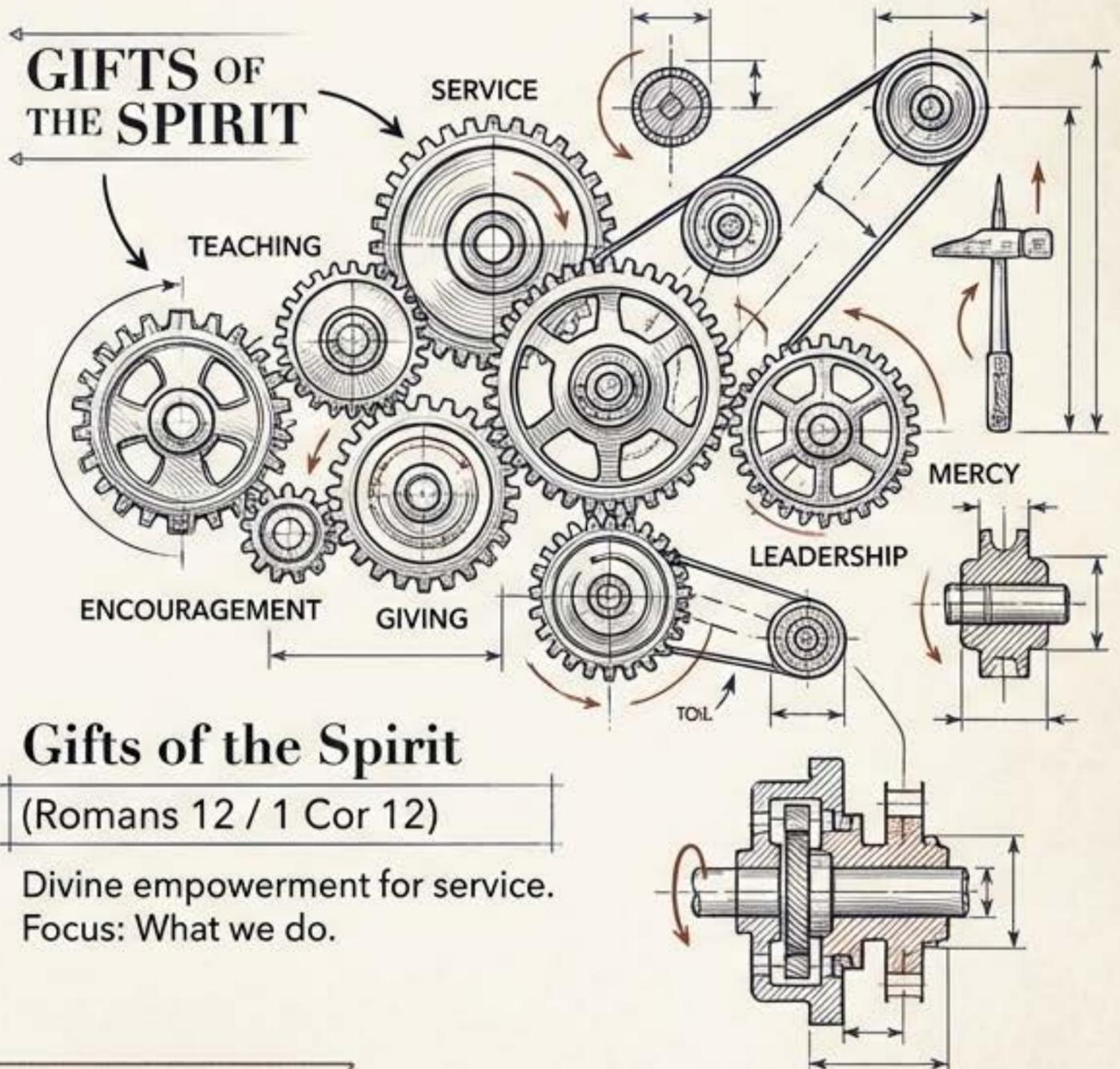


Fruit of the Spirit

(Galatians 5:22-23)

Christlike character produced in every believer.
Focus: Who we are becoming.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



Gifts of the Spirit

(Romans 12 / 1 Cor 12)

Divine empowerment for service.
Focus: What we do.

Character must precede capability.

The Essential Prerequisite

“Spiritual gifts divorced from love become nothing more than religious noise.”

— John MacArthur

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:1

The Possession: Every Believer Has a Gift

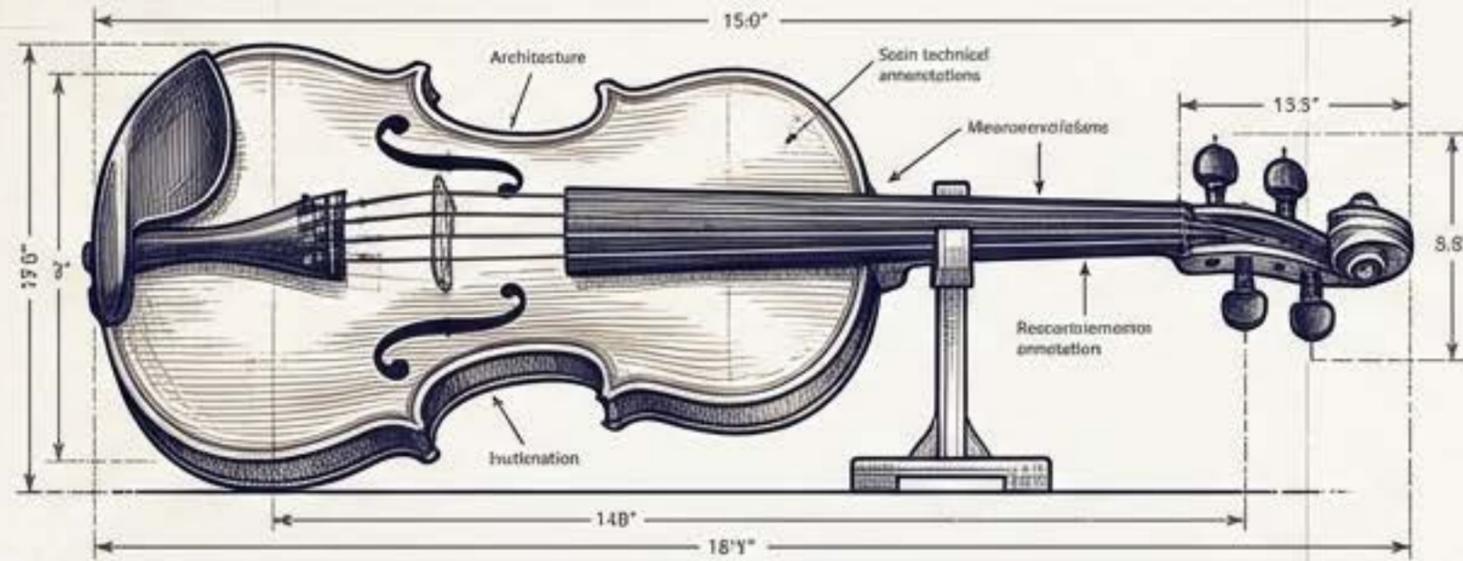


No Christian is gift-less.
Salvation comes with
Spirit-empowerment.

To each is given the
manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
(1 Cor 12:7)

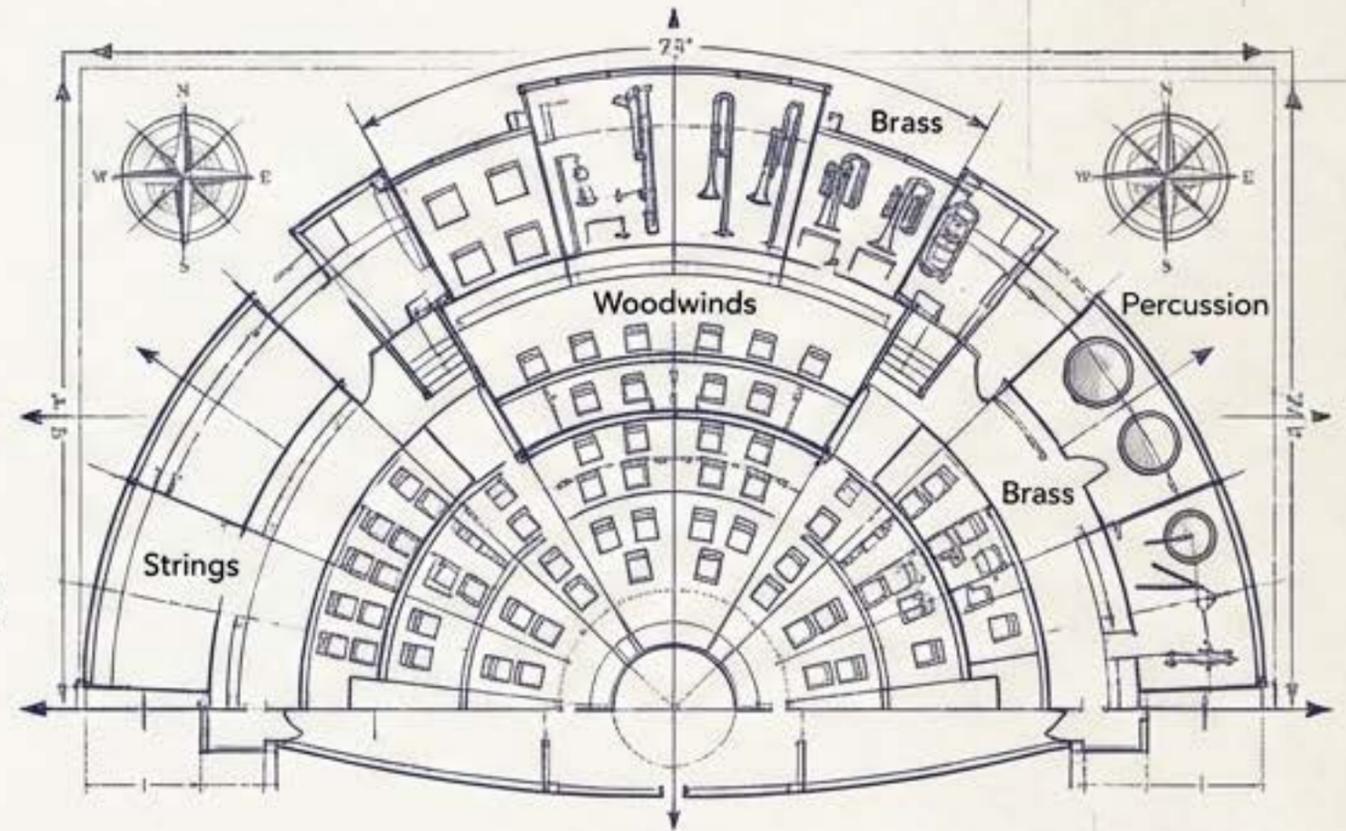
Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us... (Romans 12:6)

The Limit: No Believer Has Every Gift



Complete

Limited



God designed the church so no one is self-sufficient.

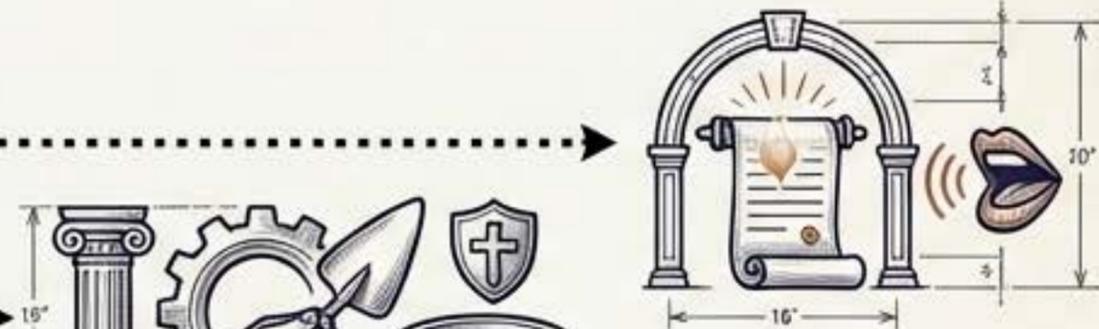
“God never designed the church to be a collection of spiritual spectators but a fellowship of spiritual servants.” — David Jeremiah

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? (1 Cor 12:29)

The Panorama of Romans 12

A foundational list of ministry gifts powered by Charis (Grace).

Prophecy (Speaking Truth)



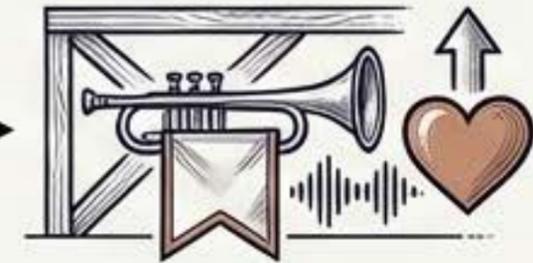
Service (Practical Care)



Teaching (Clarifying Truth)



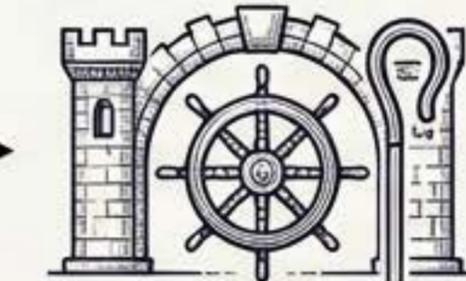
Exhortation (Motivating)



Giving (Supplying)



Leadership (Guiding)

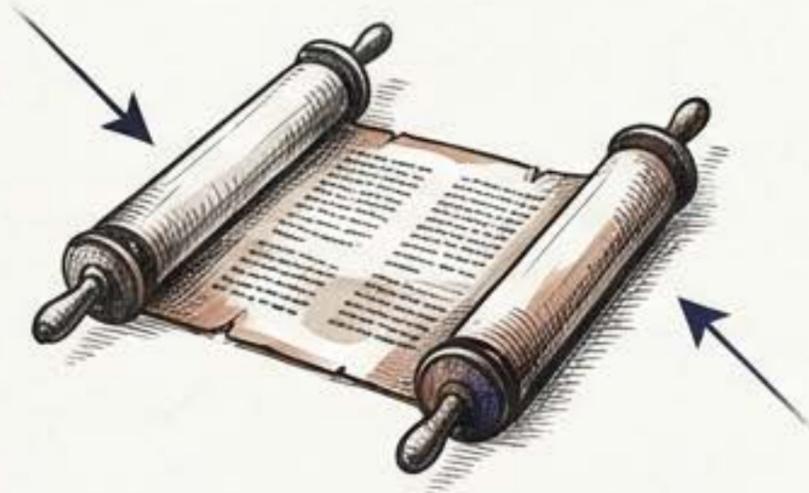


Mercy (Healing)



Deep Dive: Speaking Truth

Prophecy (*Prophēteia*)



Root: To speak forth/ Declare publicly.

Function: Proclaiming God's truth clearly and boldly. Not just predicting the future, but speaking a word from God in line with God's Word.

Teaching (*Didaskō*)



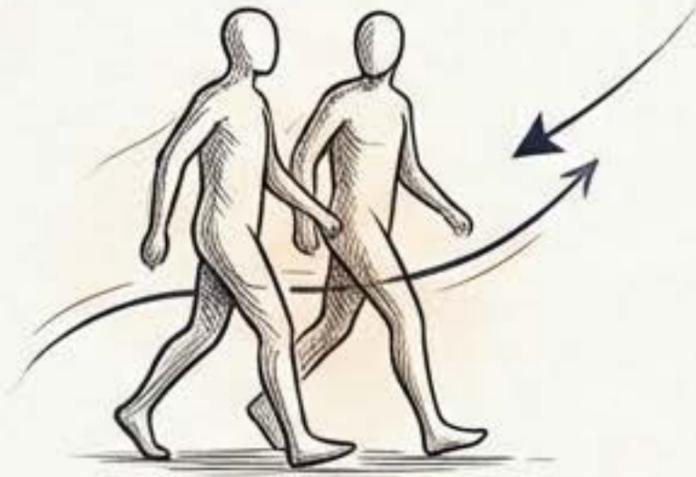
Root: To cause to learn.

Function: Systemic instruction. Explaining Scripture accurately so believers grow.

Note: If people aren't learning, you are just talking.

Deep Dive: Motivating the Body

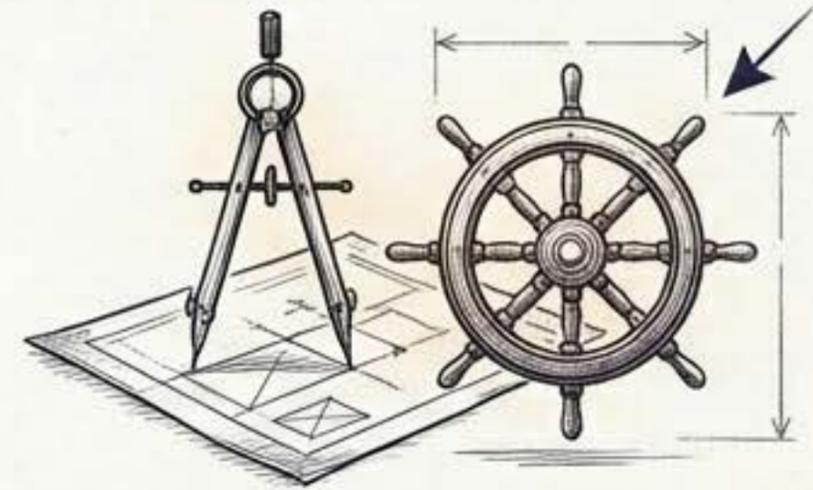
Exhortation (*Paraklēsis*)



Root: To call alongside. (Same root as Paraclete—The Holy Spirit).

Function: Encouraging, comforting, and challenging. Strengthening others spiritually to keep moving.

Leadership (*Proistēmi*)

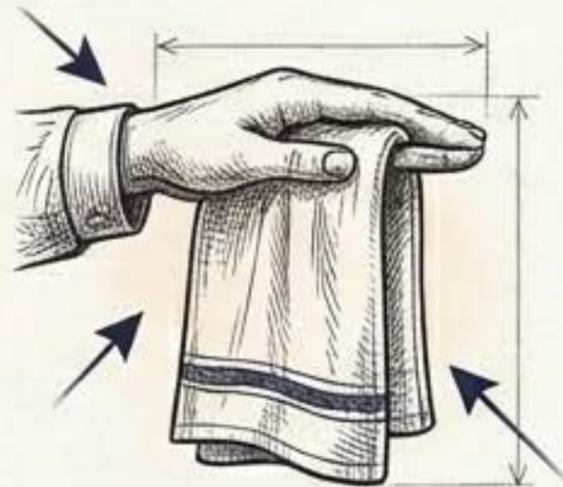


Root: To stand before / To lead.

Function: Guiding and organizing. Turning vision into plans. Connecting the speaking gifts to the practical gifts.

Deep Dive: Practical Care

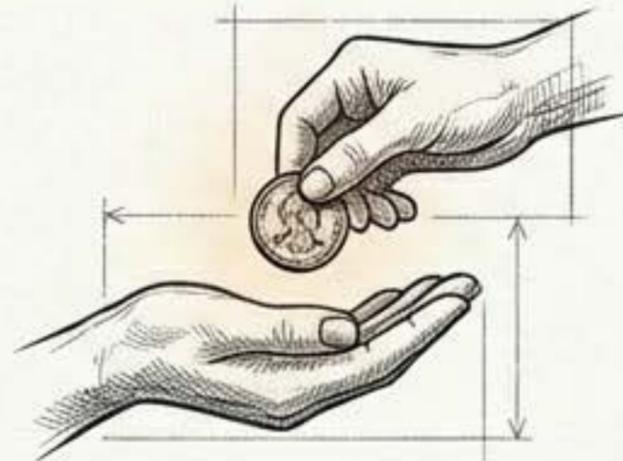
Service (*Diakonia*)



Root: To wait on tables.
(Root of Deacon).

Function: Practical, hands-on ministry to meet needs.

Giving (*Metadidōmi*)

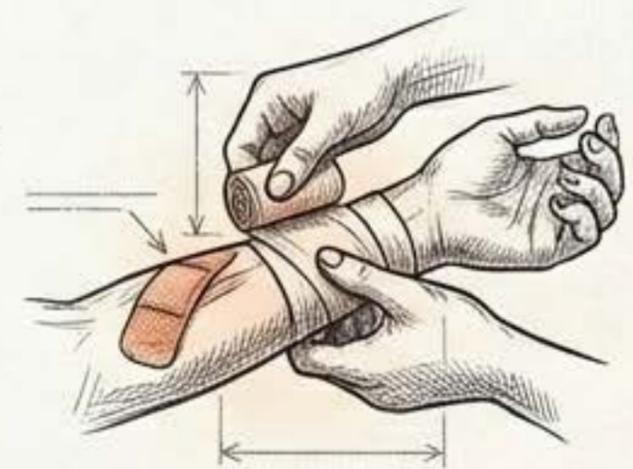


Root: To share with.

Function: Spirit-prompted generosity.

Requirement: Done with sincerity and open hands.

Mercy (*Eleō*)



Root: To show compassion.

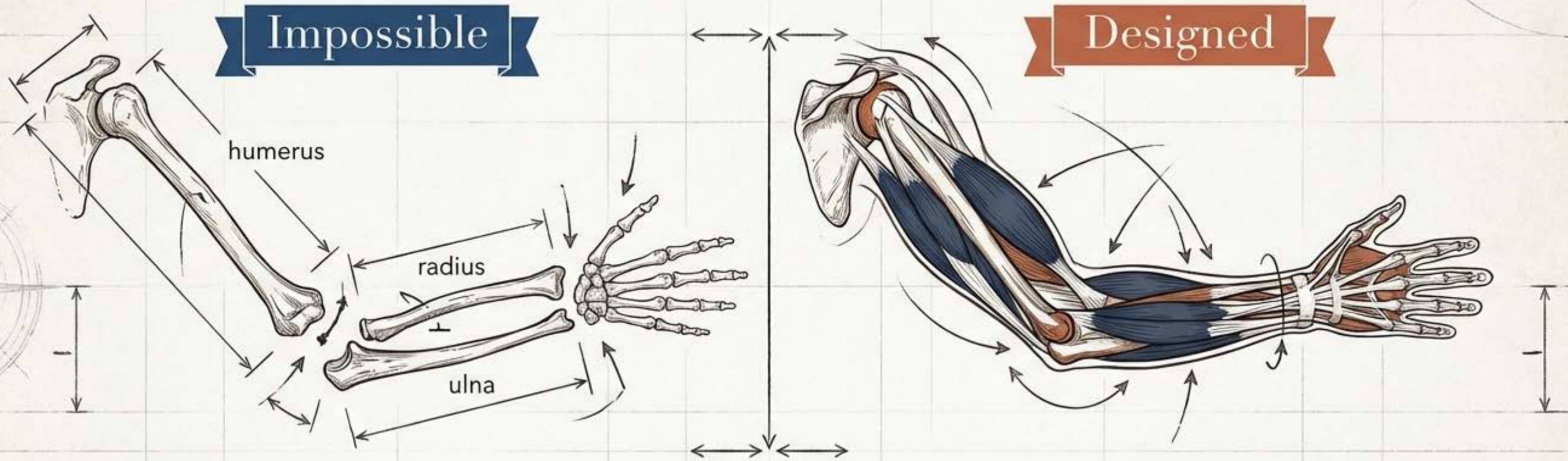
Function: Active care for the hurting, sick, and poor.

Requirement: Done with cheerfulness.

The Lexicon: Greek Root Summary

ENGLISH TERM	GREEK ROOT	LITERAL MEANING	FUNCTION
Prophecy	<i>Prophēteia</i>	To speak forth	Proclaims
Service	<i>Diakonia</i>	To wait on tables	Supports
Teaching	<i>Didaskō</i>	To cause to learn	Explains
Exhortation	<i>Paraklēsis</i>	To call alongside	Encourages
Giving	<i>Metadidōmi</i>	To share with	Supplies
Leadership	<i>Proistēmi</i>	To stand before	Guides
Mercy	<i>Eleō</i>	To show compassion	Heals

The Partnership: Design & Interdependence

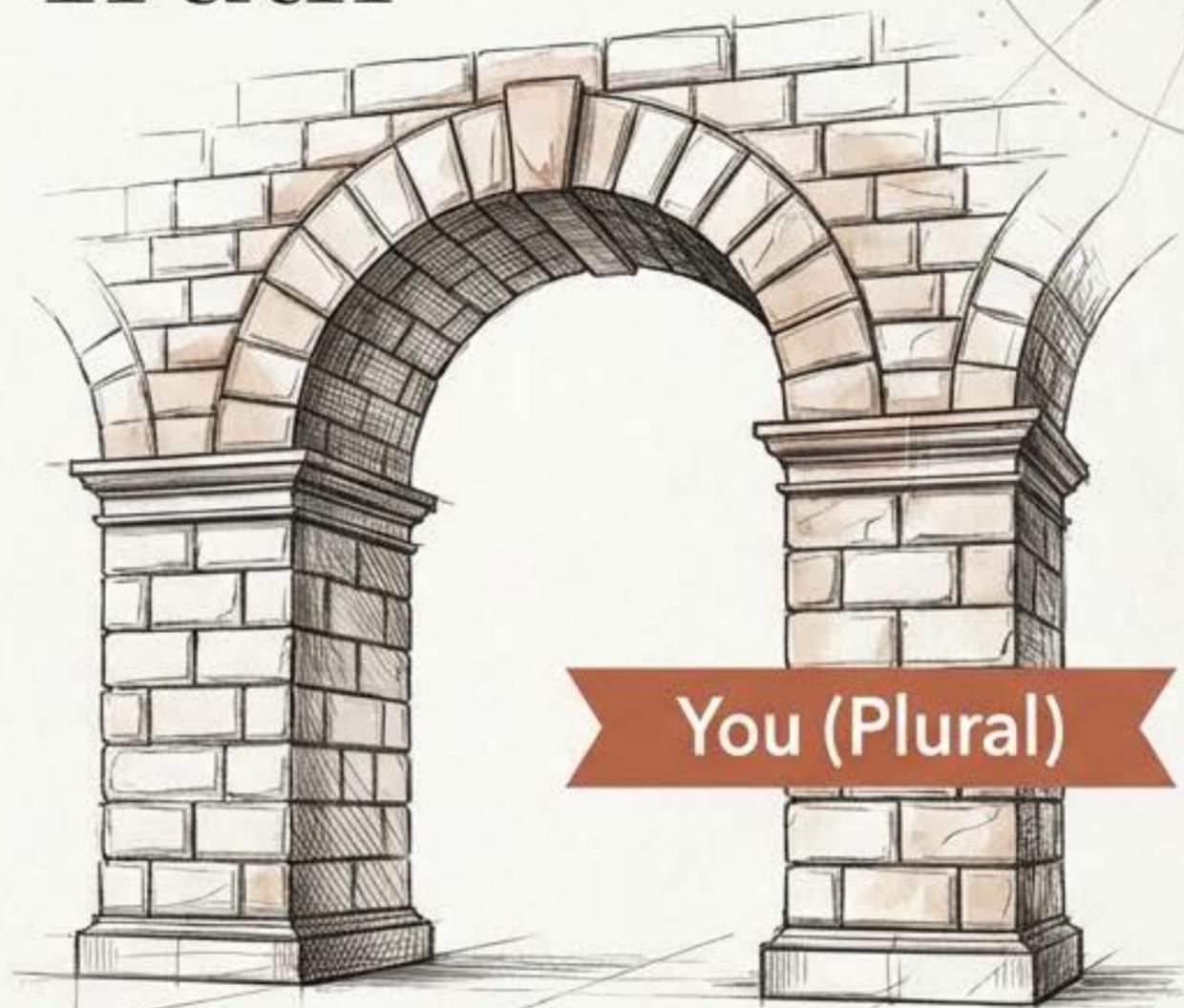
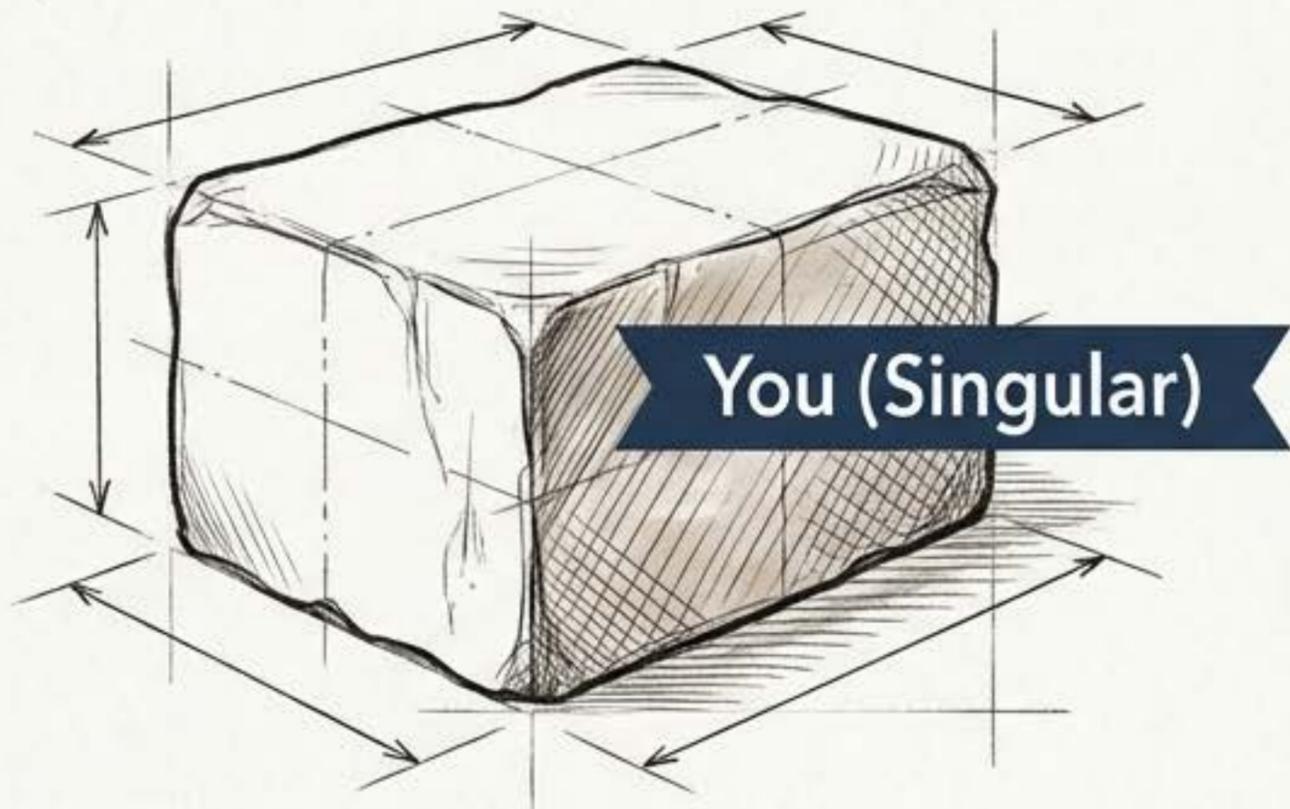


⦿ ————— →
If the whole body were an eye,
where would be the sense
of hearing? (1 Cor 12:17)
← ————— ⚙

⦿ ————— →
Key Concept:
"I have no need of you" is
a spiritual impossibility.
← ————— ⚙

⦿ ————— →
Gifts imply relationship.
You cannot exhort yourself.
You cannot lead yourself.
← ————— ⚙

The Temple Truth



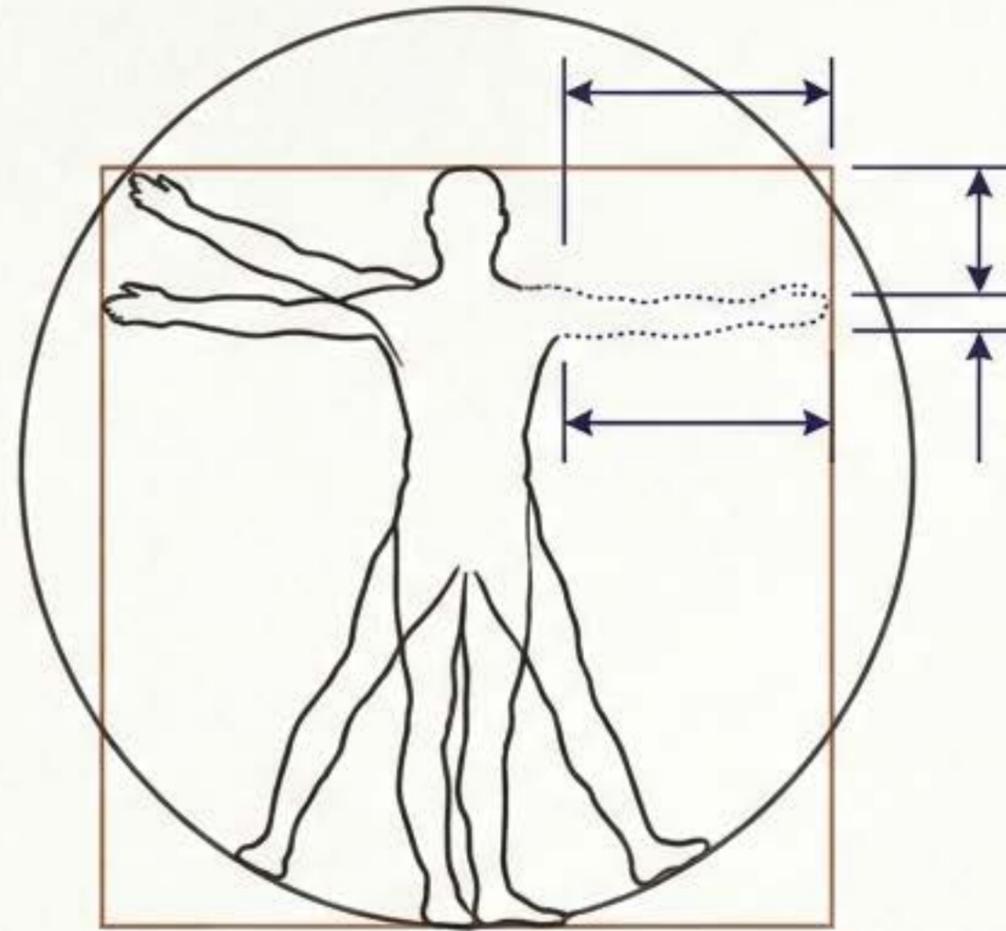
Linguistic Highlight: 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19.

The Grammar: The Greek "You" is plural. ("Y'all are the Temple").

Individually we are temples. Corporately we are The Temple in full expression.

 The church is not a collection of isolated believers but a living organism in which every member is vital to the whole. — R.C. Sproul

Is the Body Missing You?

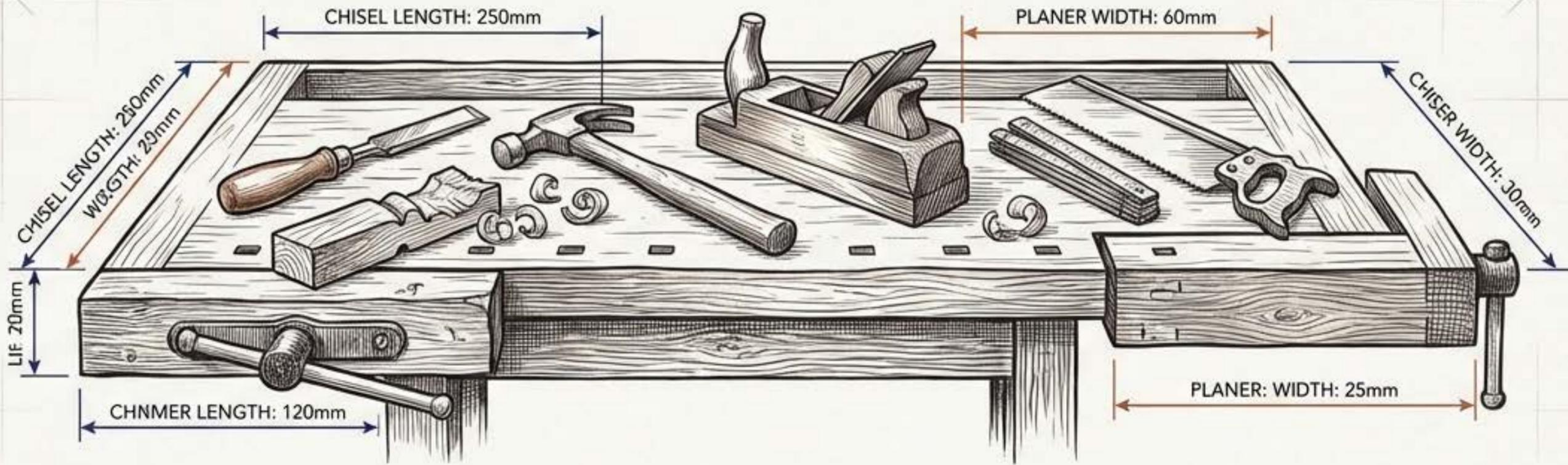


1. Is the body missing your unique contribution?
2. Are you missing your place in the body?
3. Are you using your gift—or burying it?

A body missing a part survives but cannot function fully. Are you missing your place?



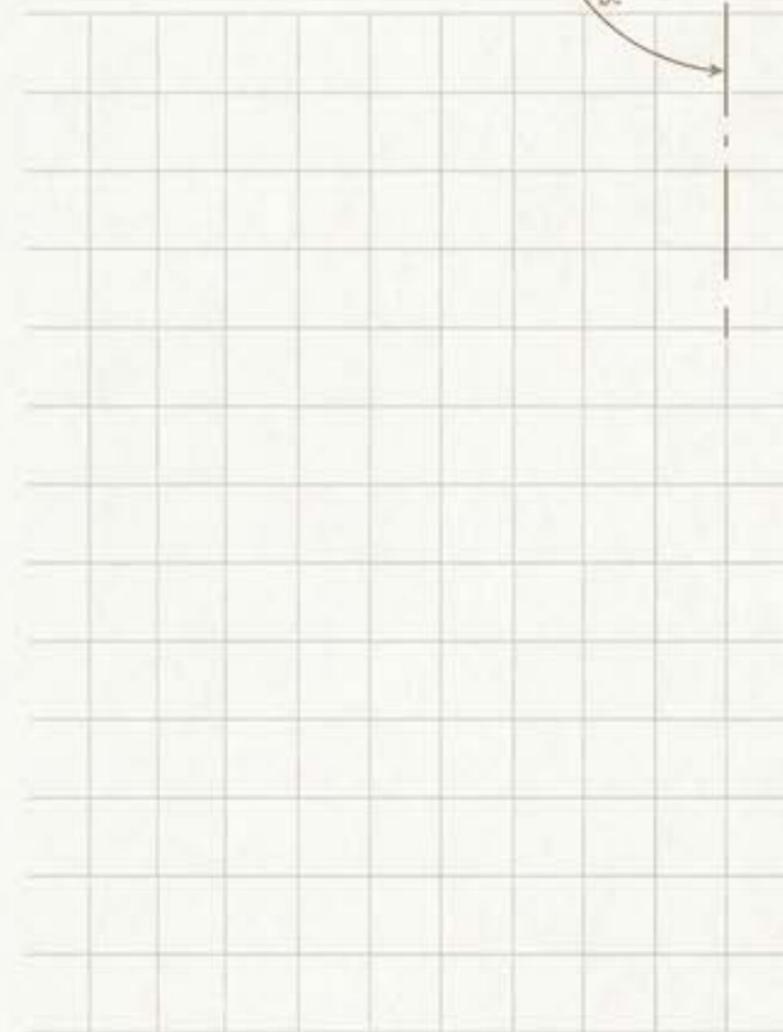
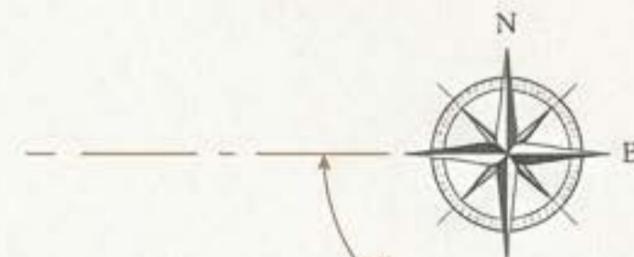
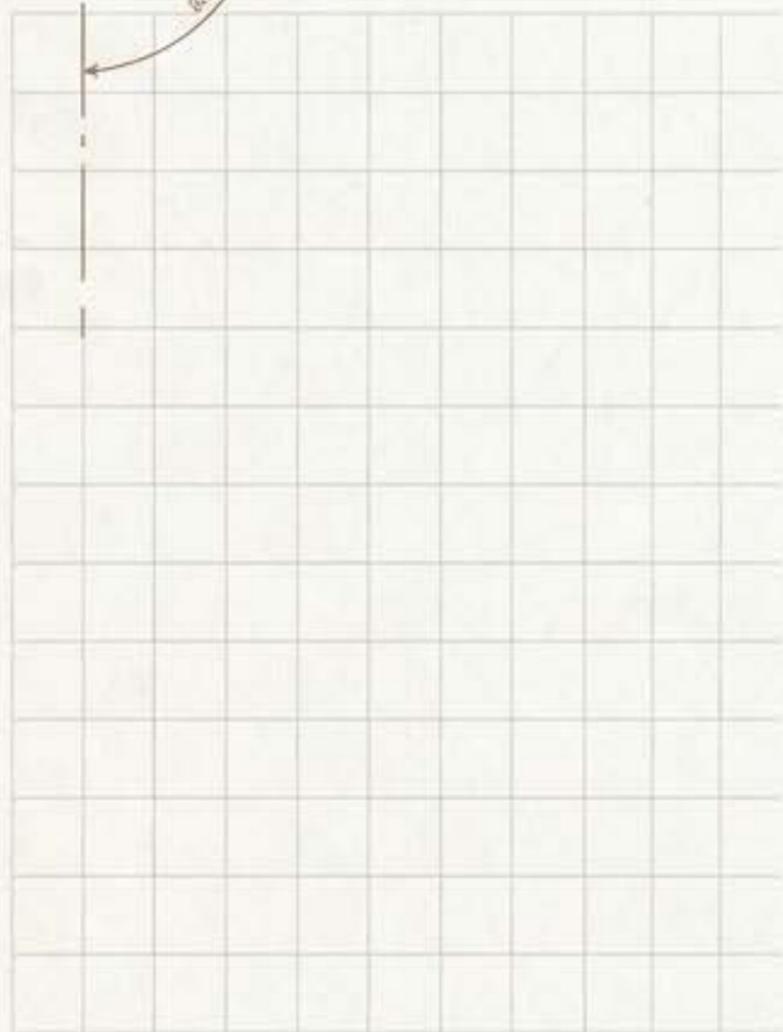
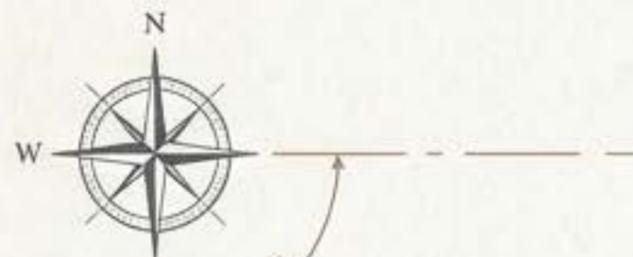
Saved to Serve



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...
Ephesians 2:10

You were not saved to sit. You were saved to serve.
You were gifted by God to build His church.

Activation



Discover your unique design.

The Spirit is ready. The Body is waiting. What is your part?