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Church Rising

Part Two: All In!

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

“Healthy Highland Lake”

Paul’s church models in 1 Corinthians: field (3:5-9), building/temple (3:9-17), Christ’s body (12:27)

Multiple parts working together (rooted in the Trinitarian nature of God)

Model One: force fit into an inflexible model

Model Two: wild weeds in an open field

The role of leadership is to chart a map in which the tension of unity and diversity are held together

See “Healthy Highland Lake”: the inflow, the healthy up/in/out lake, the outflow, and the endgame

A system that is in harmony: purpose, organization, relationship, synergy

Synergy

Synergy: parts working together to produce an effect greater than the sum of separate effects

Every part is needed (fingernails, eyebrows, earlobes, and tonsils): 1 Corinthians 12:26

“All in” generates the most robust healthy system, but what does “all in” practically mean?

Wisdom in an over-busy, over-committed, frenetic-paced culture

The “Time-Talent-Treasure” Mnemonic

Time: being present and involved in our central act of common life

- How am I participating/helping in the Sunday Morning Gathering?
- Make it manageable

Treasure: bearing the practical burden together

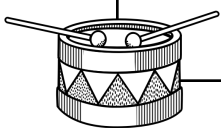
- Proportionality (Mark 12:41-44) & Cheerfulness (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Talent: Drummer Boy Offering

- Japanese concept of *Ikigai*
- Finding a place to plant your natural gift/talent/calling on Highland’s map
- This must be initiated by each person

Checklist: to be purposeful in each of these three areas

“Something large-group (make it manageable!), something all-you, something tangible”



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Fingernail

A healthy fingernail has the function of protecting the **distal phalanx**, the fingertip, and the surrounding soft tissues from injuries. It also serves to enhance precise delicate movements of the distal digits through counter-pressure exerted on the pulp of the finger.^[2] The nail then acts as a counter-force when the end of the finger touches an object, thereby enhancing the sensitivity of the fingertip,^[9] although the nail itself has no nerve endings. Finally, the nail functions as a tool enabling a so-called "extended precision grip" (e.g., pulling out a splinter in one's finger), and certain cutting or scraping actions.

Eyebrow

In **humans**, eyebrows serve two main functions: first, **communication** through **facial expression**, and second, prevention of sweat, water, and other debris from falling down into the eye socket. It is common for people to modify their eyebrows by means of hair removal and makeup.

Earlobe

Since the earlobe does not contain **cartilage**^[1] it has a large **blood** supply and may help to warm the ears and maintain balance. However, earlobes are not generally considered to have any major biological function.^[2] The earlobe contains many **nerve endings**, and for some people is an **erogenous zone**.

Appendix:

Research in recent years has shown that the human appendix has lymphoid cells, which help the body fight infections. This strongly suggests that the appendix plays a role in the immune system.

Tonsils:

The main function of tonsils is **fighting infection**. Your tonsils contain a lot of white blood cells, which help kill germs. As your tonsils are in the back of your throat, they can "catch" germs that enter your body through your nose or mouth