

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Spiritual Gifts: Part II





1. The Body: Its Purpose



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“All ministries, therefore, must be subjected to this test – if they do not glorify Christ, they are not of the Holy Spirit.”

– Charles Spurgeon

“The definition of unity is oneness of purpose, not sameness of being. Like a quilt with various colors and patterns that have been blended together into a harmonious whole, a church in unity celebrates each person’s unique place in the divine design.”

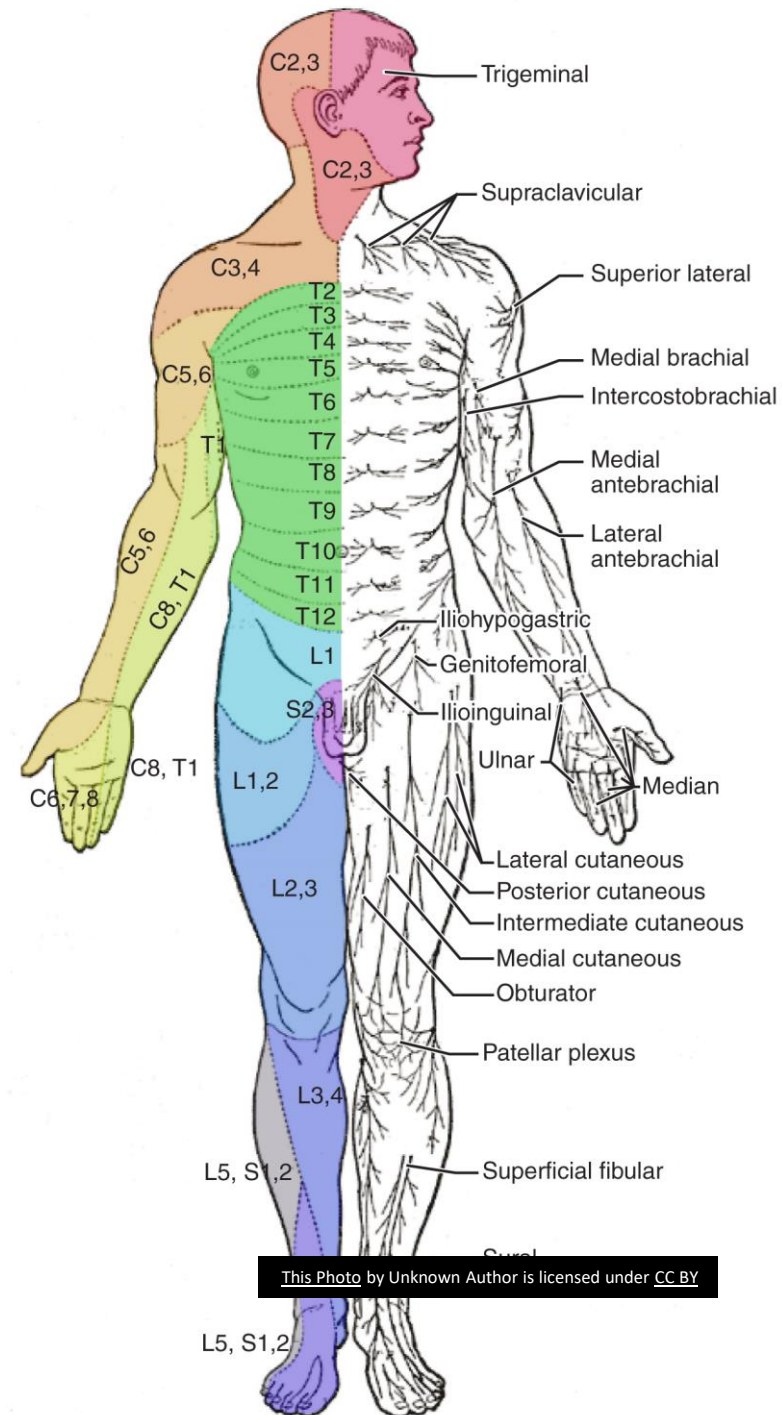
- Dr. Tony Evans



2. The Body: Its Parts

”Indeed, the body is not one part by many...But as it is, God has arranged each one of the parts in the body just as he wanted. And if they were all the same part, where would the body be?”

- 1 Cor. 12:14, 18-19



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“Diverse
streams all from
one fountain.”
– John Wesley

3. The Body: Its Partnerships

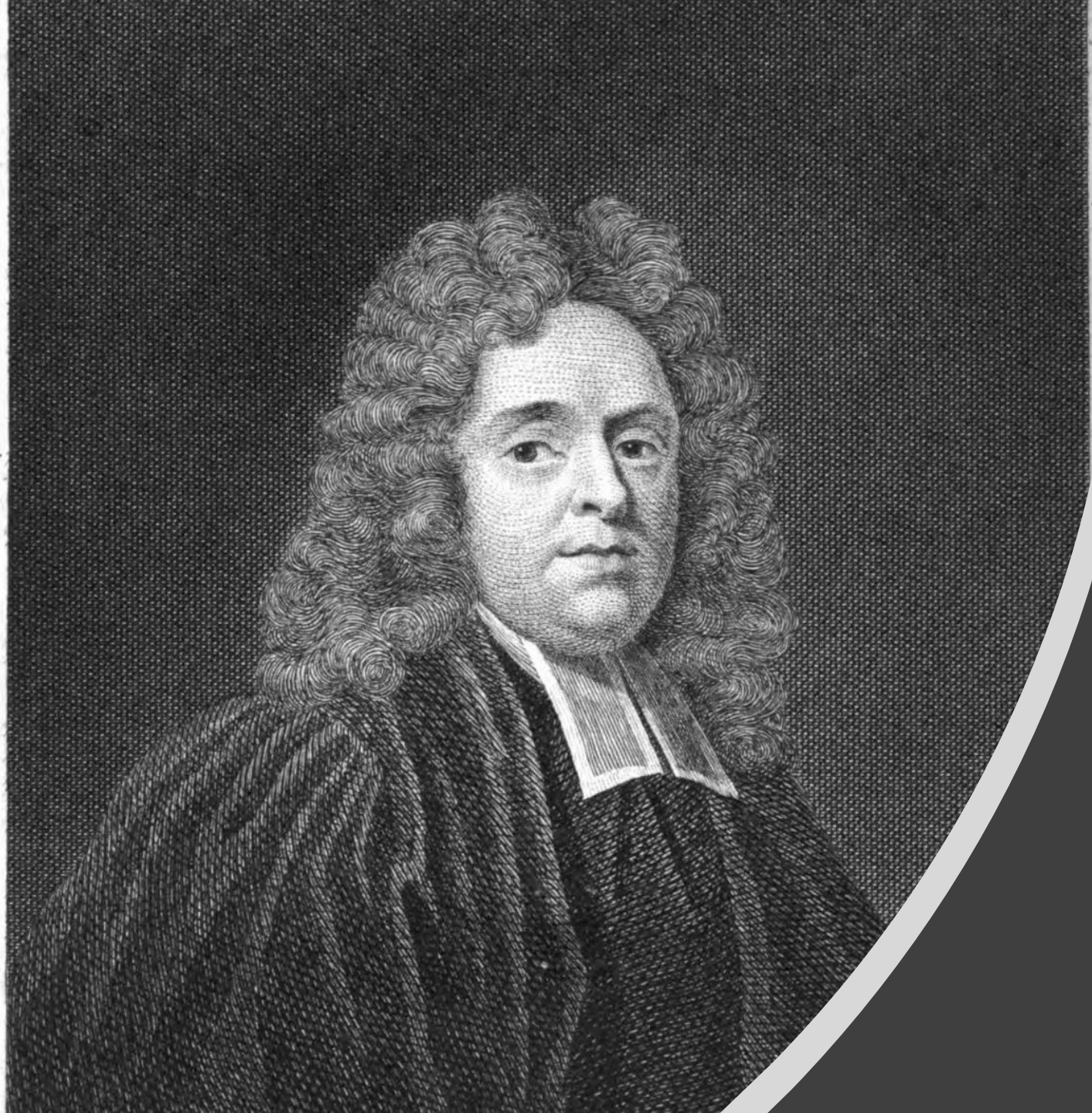
“Instead, God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the less honorable, so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other. So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members, rejoice with it.”

- 1 Cor. 12:24b-26



“Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won’t be tempted. Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone considers himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.”

- Galatians 6:1-4



“The greater the gifts are,
the more the possessor is
exposed to temptations, and
the larger is the measure of
grace needed to keep him
humble and spiritual; and he
will meet with more painful
experiences and humbling
dispensations. We have little
cause to glory in any gifts
bestowed on us, or to
despise those who have
them not.”

– Matthew Henry

4. The Body: Its Parameters

“Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all do miracles? Do all have the gift of healing? Do all speak in other tongues? Do all interpret?”

1 Cor. 12:29-30



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