



**Trait 24- Broken Dysfunctional Body Parts
Day 1**

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Paul uses the analogy of the physical human body to impress upon his readers the importance of every body part. I think if asked no one ever says “Go ahead and take that body part, I don’t need it anyway.” Paul’s uses personification to drive home the idea that no body parts should be in competition with each other because all are equally important no matter what function and all are necessary for a healthy Spiritual Body within the Church.

- 1.) After reading the above passage, is it clear how important it is for the Spiritual Body to have many body parts working together?

- 2.) Paul makes it clear that some parts are more glorious than others. Compare and contrast some of the various roles in the Spiritual Body.

- 3.) What are some of the more glorious roles?

- 4.) What are some of the less honorable roles?

- 5.) Why does Paul say they are all equally important?



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Day 2**

Recap: Review these concepts.

Spiritual Gifts - Given by Grace through the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discernment, Tongues, and Interpreter

1 Corinthians 12:28

Apostles, Prophets, Teacher, Miracles, Healing, Helping, Administration, and Tongues

Romans 12:6-8

Prophecy, Service, Teacher, Exhortation, Generosity, Leader, and Mercy

1.) Can you identify from one of Paul's lists above a gift or gifts that you move naturally in?

Services - Helper ministries that allow other ministries to move forward.

2.) Have you identified some area of ministry to get involved in to utilize your given gift(s)?

Activities - Energies or effort. Some move more freely in the use of their gifts and some need more encouragement but this reflects the work we do within the Body of Christ.

3.) If you are already using a gift in a ministry would you say that your effort in that ministry varies or do you always have a consistent effort?



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Day 3**

Review: Recruitment, Edification and Service.

Recruitment:

Read Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (ESV)

- 1.) How are some ways that you accomplish the task of recruitment in the Body either within the Church or outside the Church?

Edification:

Read Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (ESV)

- 2.) Why is edification (building up) so important to the Body?

Service:

Read Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

- 3.) Have you found a service or ministry within the Body to get plugged into?



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Day 4**

Read 1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints (ESV)

Many having experienced dysfunction in our own lives and families know how disruptive it can be. It is important for every member of the Body of Christ to be actively seeking and using the gifts that the Lord has provided to ensure that the Church functions as it should as a reflection of the character of our Lord.

If you're a Christian that means you are in it and it is time to find out where you fit in!

Sermon Sentence- "You can not just decide you want to be a part of the Body or whether you don't.

- 1.) How much more successful do you think the efforts of the Church would be if everyone was surrendered to the Lord and operating within their spiritual gifts?

- 2.) Do you feel that there are more spectators than participators?

- 3.) What category would you say you fall into?

Again....

Surrendering your potential to God's will could change everyone around you and even the world!



**Trait 24- Broken Dysfunctional Body Parts
Day 5**

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. (ESV)

Let's face it, the worst church ever had a lot of dysfunction going on within the Body. It seemed like Paul was being pretty hard on them sometimes but here he expresses that truly the more "excellent way" is to move in love in all things.

The Corinthian Christians were guilty of coveting certain gifts and not only creating an imbalance within the Body but also causing some disorder. Paul seeks to unravel the confusion and in love edify the Church in the proper balance and function of the gifts in chapters 13-15.

Unmentionables:

- **We should desire function over reputation**
- **We should desire function over attractiveness**
- **We should desire function over strength**

God gives greater honor to the parts that we do not honor as much so that there will be no division. There is no division in the body of Christ.

Each Member of the Body:

- **God has appointed**
- **God has equipped**
- **God has given value**

This creates a community that mourns, laughs, celebrates, and hurts together.

Conclusion:

- **All members are necessary and important**
- **Each one has a contribution to make to the life and building of the body**
- **The contribution of those that get less attention are as essential as those who get more.**
- **Every member should appreciate the role and contribution of every other member.**

- 1.) **After pondering the Spiritual gifts, various ministries and their importance to the health of the Church will you now seek to identify and utilize the gift(s) that God has given you.**