

The Church is the Body of Christ. To help us to understand our need to work together, the Lord often compares the Church to a physical body. A healthy body is composed of two hands, two feet, etc...and so the Body of Christ, though having many members (or parts) yet is one body. Each Christian is placed into the Body at a place God desires. Some are called to preach, some to really pray, some to exhort, some to give, some to administrate, etc...this study will help you not only to be aware of the different areas of involvement, but, also to encourage you to know where God is calling you.

READY TO GO!

Let's pray and ask God to make His way clear to us. As we seek the Lord we know that He will teach us all things. (Jeremiah 29:13).

THE BIBLE SAYS...

Before you answer the following questions, please read carefully these portions of scriptures: Rom. 12:1-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:11-16.



IN YOUR OWN WORDS

1. The body of Jesus Christ is one and yet those within the body have different gifts. List below some of the gifts that God gives to His body.

Romans 12:6-9

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

1 Corinthians 12:28

Ephesians 4:11-12

2. Who decides who gets what gifts? (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:4)

3. Do our gifts have anything to do with our learned abilities? Can we take credit for the gifts we have?

4. What purposes do these gifts serve? (Eph. 4:12)

5. What is needed, according to 1 Cor. 13:1-3, if our service to one another through various gifts is to be blessed by God?

6. Every one of us is called by God to perform certain areas of service within the body of Christ. What does Paul show us about his willingness to do his part? (Acts 20:24)

7. What was Jesus' example of doing that which He was called to do? (John 4:34; John 17:4; John 19:30)

8. What is God's promise to those that labor for Him? (Haggai 2:4; Mark 16:20; 2 Cor. 6:1)

9. Read the following verses and pick out the one word which is common to all of them: (Judg. 5:2; Neh. 11:2; Ps. 110:3; Is. 1:19; 1 Thes. 2:8)

10. Do you know what your gifts from the Lord are? Often times God will begin to lead us towards the place He wants us through or desires (Ps.s 37:4-5). What would you like to do in the Kingdom of God?



MEMORY VERSE

"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." 1 Corinthians 12:18

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