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USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-26

Questions and confusion about spiritual gifts prevailed in the church at Corinth. In 1 Corinthians 12-14, Paul discusses the nature, purpose and use of spiritual gifts as a corrective to the abuses which had arisen.

How does your view of yourself affect the way you interact with other Christians?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-26

1. In verses 4-11, what do we learn about the similarities among spiritual gifts?
2. What is the purpose of the gifts?
3. How does Paul respond to the misconceptions in verses 15-16?
4. In contrast to verse 21, how should we view and treat those who seem to be weaker or less honourable (v 22-23)?
5. Where do you see examples of this in your church or fellowship group?

6. Why would the “presentable parts” of the body need no special treatment (v 24)?

7. How does this passage correct some of our misconceptions about the difference between so-called “full-time Christian workers” and everyone else?

8. Comment on your understanding of your own place in the body of Christ. For instance, do you feel inferior? Superior? Unsure of how you fit? Are you a lone ranger?

9. According to 12:7, each Christian is given gifts “for the common good” of the body. In this light, what can you be doing to build up your local church or fellowship group?

The End Bit!

Each one of us have been given gifts which we are to use collectively as the ‘body of Christ’ to do His will here on earth and to bring glory to His name!

Remember, we are all equal in God’s eyes – each one of us is an indispensable part of the ‘body of Christ!’

Verse to Remember:

‘Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.’

1 Corinthians 12:27