



“Essential Personnel” | 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

16 And if the ear should say,
“Because I am not an eye, I do not
belong to the body,” it would not
for that reason stop being part of
the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye,
where would the sense of hearing
be? If the whole body were an ear,
where would the sense of smell be?

18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

23 and the parts that we think are
less honorable we treat with special
honor. And the parts that are
unpresentable are treated with
special modesty,
24 while our presentable parts need
no special treatment. But God has
put the body together,

giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,
25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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The Big Idea

What does community
look like these days?

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

- Colossians 1:17-18

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- 1 Corinthians 12:27

2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

3 **Grace** and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit,
brothers and sisters, I do not want
you to be uninformed.

- 1 Corinthians 12:1

3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and *no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.*

- 1 Corinthians 12:3

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- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a

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- 1 Corinthians 12:7

10 to another miraculous powers,
to another prophecy, to another
distinguishing between spirits, to
another speaking in different
kinds of tongues, and to still
another the interpretation of
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- 1 Corinthians 12:7

4 There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit distributes
them.

- 1 Corinthians 12:4

9 to another faith by the same
Spirit, to another gifts of healing by
that one Spirit,

- 1 Corinthians 12:9

28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

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33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

- 1 Corinthians 10:33

How will we not only
survive but thrive?

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2. Being an intentional community by caring for the sick and the poor.

Takeaways

1. Be patient with one another
2. Be a part of the solution
3. Use your gift for the common good
4. Fight for unity, guard against polarity
5. Move toward others virtually
6. Remain united in Christ through prayer



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