

¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

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

-- Choice And Arrangement

¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 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. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

-- Are Interdependent

¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

-- Each Is Indispensable – One Hurts/One Honored

²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Hebrews 10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

We Are One With Each Other And With Jesus Christ

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1 Corinthians 12:7-12 ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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-- Empowered And Chosen For Each Christian By

-- The Body Has Many Members And Are To One Another And Also To Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Romans 12:6–8; and 1 Corinthians 12:28.

ADMINISTRATION A person who is gifted in the area of administration is a goal-and objective-oriented individual. They often have strong organizational abilities which make it possible to coordinate resources in order to accomplish tasks as quickly as possible. Because of being motivated by accomplishing desired tasks, this person often derives great satisfaction from viewing the results of what he/she has accomplished. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area of ministry in which you can utilize your organizational strengths to carry out specific goals of the church.

EVANGELISM A person who is gifted in the area of evangelism has an especially strong desire to share the Gospel with non-believers in every possible situation and through all

possible means. Their greatest joy in ministry is seeing non-believers won to Christ. Because of an overwhelming desire to "fulfill the Great Commission," they would rather devote considerable effort to the ministry of evangelism than to other church programs which exist for the edification of believers. They look for the areas where the need for the Gospel is the greatest and is willing to make personal sacrifices to share the gospel. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in a ministry which places a great emphasis on sharing the Gospel with the unsaved and reaching out to those who are unchurched.

EXHORTATION A person who is gifted in the area of exhortation has a special ability to encourage others in the body of Christ by giving them needed words of comfort, courage and counsel at times of need or crisis. They are especially attracted to individuals who are genuinely seeking spiritual growth and often is willing to share past personal failures to help motivate others toward greater spiritual maturity. They are able to make accurate assessments of spiritual needs, and has the ability to explain truth with logical reasoning, giving step-by-step instructions which are easy to follow. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area that enables you use your strengths to minister one-on-one with people in need.

GIVING A person who is gifted in the area of giving has the ability to give material goods and financial resources with joy, so that the needs of the Lord's work are met. They often can discern wise investments, and are usually a very effective money manager. While desiring to give quietly and without recognition, this individual is encouraged when he/she knows that needs were met and prayers were answered. They are more likely to give at the Lord's prompting than at man's appeals, and have a great ability to see financial needs that others would overlook.

HELPS A person who is gifted in the area of helps is motivated by a desire to further the ministry by meeting genuine needs of another individual, usually someone in a leadership position. They enjoy bringing immediate help to key individuals in order to relieve their burdens and responsibilities. While this individual is willing to do whatever is needed, they are motivated more from a desire to provide assistance than from a desire to accomplish particular tasks. Though very similar to the ministry area of "Service," one with this gift is prompted by the need they see rather than by the task that is to be performed. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area of ministry in which you can provide assistance to someone in a leadership role to enable them to be more effective than they would be without you.

HOSPITALITY A person who is gifted in the area of hospitality has the ability to make guests feel comfortable and "at home." They have a desire to provide a warm welcome to guests whether in a ministry or social setting. They delight in opening their home to individuals or groups, and often looks for special opportunities to use this gift to minister to others. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area of ministry where you can use your strengths to help to make others in the church feel "at home" and welcome.

LEADERSHIP A person who is gifted in the area of leadership has the ability to lead others toward spiritual growth. They are often considered a visionary, and has the ability to set biblical goals and motivate others toward the accomplishment of these goals. He usually has an ability to communicate effectively to large groups of people, and is often chosen for leadership positions because of his ability to accomplish goals without getting "off track." While similar to a gifting in the area of "Administration," someone with this gift is often more concerned with the "big picture" than the incremental details of accomplishing the goal. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area of ministry in which you can use your strengths to lead others in accomplishing goals of the church.

MERCY A person who is gifted in the area of mercy has immediate compassion for those suffering, physically, mentally or emotionally. They derive great joy in meeting the needs of others, and often has a tendency to attract people who are in distress. They usually have a need for friendships in which there is deep communication and mutual commitment, and has the ability to draw out the feelings of others while also being vulnerable to hurts, both

personally and to those which others are experiencing. They often would rather remove the causes of hurts than look for benefits from them. They have a tendency to avoid confrontation and firmness, and often closes their spirit to others who they feel are overly harsh or critical. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area of ministry which enables you to minister to those who are hurting and who need the sensitivity you have to offer.

PROPHET A person who is gifted in the area of prophecy has the ability to proclaim God's truth without compromise. They have strong convictions and expects the same of others. They have the need to express themselves verbally, especially regarding right and wrong and may be quick to make judgments of others and to speak their opinion. They may be painfully direct when correcting others, possessing an unusual ability to discern the sincerity of others. They are persuasive in defining right and wrong, and are very persistent in expressing their feelings regarding need for change. If you scored high in this area, you should look for a ministry area wherein you can challenge others to live by God's standards as set forth in His Word.

SERVICE A person who is gifted in the area of service has the ability to perform any task with joy which benefits others and meets practical needs. They may have the tendency to disregard personal health and comfort to serve others. They often has difficulty in saying "no" when asked to serve. They often have an attention for details, and appreciates having clear instructions to follow. They enjoy the process of serving as much as the end result, and derives satisfaction from being with others who are also serving. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an area of ministry in which your strength of faithfulness and attention to detail can be utilized.

SHEPHERDING A person who is gifted in the area of shepherding has the unique ability to take responsibility for the long-term spiritual growth of a group of believers. He sees it as his responsibility to guide, feed, and protect a flock of followers in Christ. He is motivated by a desire to see those in the church family enjoy spiritual health and growth. If you scored high in this area, you should look for an area of ministry where discipleship is emphasized and wherein you can guide others to greater maturity in their spiritual walk.

TEACHING A person who is gifted in the area of teaching has the ability to explain God's truth so there is understanding and application in the lives of others. They have a desire to research and present truth in an organized and systematic sequence. They are often alert to details, and place a great deal of emphasis on the basic foundation on which the church grows and remains faithful. If you scored high in this area, you should consider being involved in an ministry role wherein you can challenge others with Bible truths which you discover in your personal studies.

--We Are _____ In Christ And Each Other

¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

--We Are _____ Of Many Members Of One Local Body

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

-- _____ Parts Are Important And Needed

¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.