



**ONE BODY
MANY MEMBERS**

**A Lesson From
1 Corinthians 12-13**



We are one body, but many members

- 1Co 12:12 **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.**
- 1Co 12:28-30 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?**

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- 1Co 12:14-20 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (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.** (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? (18) **But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.** (19) **If all were a single member, where would the body be?** (20) **As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.**

All members have equal value in body

- 1Co 12:21-24 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." (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 unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, (24) which our more presentable parts do not require...

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- Eph 4:15-16 Rather, speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,** (16) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, **when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**
- 2Co 10:12 Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. **But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.**

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- Mat 6:1-4 **"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.** (2) "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. (3) But when you give to the needy, **do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,** (4) so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

As one body, same care for one another

- 1Co 12:24-27 . . . 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. (27) Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**

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- 1Co 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, **but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.** (2) And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.** (3) If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, **but have not love, I gain nothing.**

Conclusion

■ 1Co 13:13 So now . . .

– *faith,*

– *hope,*

– *and love*

. . . **but the greatest of these is love.**