

KEY VERSE OF  
WEEK 12

"As it is, there are many parts, yet one body."  
1 Corinthians 12:20

CONTEXT

As we move into Chapter 12, Paul begins to address The Corinthian Church in regards to spiritual gifts. He uses one of my favorite analogies which is to use the anatomy of the human body to explain how spiritual gifts work.

As girls, we spend a lot of time taking care of our bodies don't we? We compare our bodies to others and we look at our bodies. We may talk bad about our bodies or the bodies of others. We may be envious of others bodies or we may really be proud of our own bodies and flaunt it in front of others or on instagram. Now, let's put the filter of spiritual over this whole analogy. Paul wanted the Corinthians to see that they were doing the same thing with their spiritual gifts. They were comparing spiritual gifts and judging spiritual gifts. They were making much of some spiritual gifts and minimizing others. Paul used the analogy of the body to help them understand some key points that would help eliminate pride and divisiveness in the church.

1. Paul wanted every Christ-follower in that church to know that they were intentionally a part of the BODY. They were gifted and therefore purposed and not insignificant.

*Sis, repeat after me..."In Christ, I am intentionally purposed in His Body."*

2. Paul wanted every Christ-follower in that church to know that they were uniquely gifted in that Body.

*Sis, repeat after me..."In Christ, I am uniquely gifted in His Body."*

3. Paul wanted every Christ-follower in that church to know that God was the one who put the giftings together in that Body. No one could change it or rearrange it. God was the designer of the Body.

*Sis, repeat after me..."In Christ, my gifts have been designed for use in His Body."*

4. Paul wanted every Christ-follower in that church to know that each part needed to care for each other, not fight against each other in order for the body to work as it was intended for His glory.

*Sis, repeat after me..."In Christ, I must help my sisters and brothers in the body to use their giftings and allow them to help me use my giftings in order for the all the parts to work together for His Kingdom purposes ."*

Praying for you, Sis!

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**"WE ARE MANY PARTS,  
BUT ONE BODY."**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12**

DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG IN THE BODY OF CHRIST BECAUSE YOUR GIFTS DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE ELSE'S? IF SO, WHY IS THAT?

WE KNOW THAT EVERY BELIEVER HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR "ROLE" IS AND HOW GOD HAS GIFTED YOU TO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST? IF NOT, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO FIND A SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT AND FIND OUT WHAT YOURS COULD BE!

AS WE SAW IN VERSE 18, GOD CREATED US "JUST AS HE WANTED." YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE GIFTS YOU HAVE BY GOD FOR A PURPOSE BIGGER THAN YOURSELF! TAKE SOME TIME TO BRAINSTORM HOW YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SERVE YOUR LOCAL BODY OF BELIEVERS WITH YOUR GIFTS

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF A MEMBER OF THE BODY SAYING TO ANOTHER, "I HAVE NO NEED FOR YOU?" ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO GENUINELY PROMOTES "UNITY IN DIVERSITY" WITHIN THE BODY, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GUILTY OF LOOKING DOWN ON OTHERS IN THE BODY AND REJECTING THEM BECAUSE THEIR GIFTS WERE DIFFERENT THAN YOURS?

HOW CAN YOU PERSONALLY LIVE OUT VERSE 26 IN YOUR OWN LIFE? HOW CAN YOUR LOCAL BODY BETTER LIVE OUT VERSE 26 IN YOUR COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS?

DISCUSS THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE ISRAELITES AND US AS IT RELATES TO GOD, BLESSINGS AND TEMPTATIONS.

## PRAY

Before you start to read the chapter of the week, ask The Lord to help you read His Word today. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to see things in your own life you can't see. Ask Him to help you take what you read and apply it.

## READ

What verses are you reading from today? \_\_\_\_\_

What version of the bible are you reading it in today? (Try reading it in 3 different translations. Circle the translations you are reading it in below.)

### Formal Translations:

#### "word for word" translation

New American Standard  
English Standard Version  
Holman Christian Standard  
Revised Standard Version  
New RSV

### Functional Translations:

#### "Thought for thought"

New International Version  
New American Bible  
Revised English Bible  
Good News Bible  
New Living Translation

### Free Translations:

#### "A Paraphrase"

New English Bible  
Living Bible  
The Message

## IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Write out what is happening in the verses you read. Put it in your own words.

## APPLY

Reflect on what you just read, and walk through these questions with Jesus.

Is there a sin I need to confess to Him and ask Him to forgive me?

Is there a truth that I need to believe today?

Is there a promise that I need to hear and hold on to today?

Is there something I need to ask The Lord to help me live differently because of what I just read?

## QUESTIONS

What questions came up when you read the verses today? Were there words or customs that you didn't understand? Write those out. Those are important to not just pass over. Those are some of the ways He calls your attention to something you need to pay attention to in your own life.

## PRAY/JOURNAL

Take some time to pray/journal after your time of reading. Ask God to change your heart so that you look more and more like Him and less and less like the world. Ask Him to break your heart for what breaks His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on Him and less on what is all around you.