

Vital Members Wed 1/20/16

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ.

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling?

¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*?

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body.

²¹ And 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 **No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary**

²³ **And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty,**

²⁴ **but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,**

²⁵ **that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.**

²⁶ **And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.**

²⁷ **Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.**

²⁸ **And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.**

²⁹ ***Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?***

³⁰ ***Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?***

³¹ **But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.**

Romans 12:5-8

⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith;

⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Ephesians 1:22-23

²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,

²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.