

LESSON 9

BODY BUILDERS

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1–31



1 What parts of your body are involved in changing a lightbulb?

2 Recall a time when you stubbed your toe. How did the injury affect your entire body?



Read 1 Corinthians 12:1–31 and the following notes:

☐ 12:12 ☐ 12:13 ☐ 12:14–24 ☐ 12:25, 26

3 How is the church like a human body (12:12–26)?

4 When does this body function at its best (12:12–26)?

The Christians at Corinth thought some spiritual gifts were more important than others. They thought that some Christians had highly important gifts, while others did not. God wanted them to know that he gives *every* Christian a vital function. None of us is small and unnecessary in God's kingdom. Each person has something vital to contribute. There are no unimportant or unnecessary people in the body of Christ because God has given each of us valuable gifts and abilities "as a means of helping the entire church" (12:7).



5 What causes us to value some gifts in the church more than others?

6 How can you tell when a church values all gifts equally?

7 What reasons do people have for not using their gifts for God's service?



8 What gifts or roles in your church tend to be overlooked, unappreciated, or unrecognized?

9 What can be done to show appreciation for people whose gifts are usually overlooked?

10 How does a person discover what his or her role in the church might be?

11 What gifts do you have that God wants you to use in the body of Christ?

12 Whom can you commend this week for using their gifts in God's service? (Try to think of people whose gifts aren't ordinarily recognized.)



13 What is one way you can use your unique gift(s) to serve the body of Christ this week?

A Christians must be careful not to follow false teachers (12:1–3). How can a person avoid being deceived by false teachers?

B What is a local church? What difference can a local church make in its community?

C What is the purpose of spiritual gifts (12:7)? How have you been able to use your gifts for this purpose?

D What are the “most helpful gifts” (12:31)? If you do not have one of these gifts, how can you use the gifts you have to help those whose gifts are “most helpful”?

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