



Paul is speaking to believers in 1 Corinthians 12:12 - *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

Paul really wants the believers at Corinth to understand something, and God wants all of us to understand something as well.

Because you are part of the body of Christ, you have a _____.

1. You have a ministry of _____ . (I Corinthians 12:14-24)

A. Don't _____ Yourself. (14-19)

As part of the body of Christ, Paul warns us not to have an _____ complex. Don't exclude yourself from accomplishing the mission of Jesus Christ because you don't feel like you are not good enough.

Paul then flips the warning in verses 21-24. He says...

B. Don't _____ Yourself. (21-24)

Tonight are you exalting yourself over someone else in the church? You cannot say to anyone, "I have no need of thee!" They are necessary. You have a ministry to include them, and dig into their lives to minister the grace of God.

2. You have a ministry of _____ . (I Corinthians 12:25-31)

A. Connect by _____ . (25-26)

Warren Wiersbe said, "Diversity [being different] leads to disunity when the members _____ with each other. It leads to unity when the members care for each other."

B. Connect because you are _____ (27-31)

As you look around this room, is everyone the same? No! But you have a responsibility and a ministry to each other to include one another and to connect with one another.

You can accomplish more for Jesus Christ _____ than you can if you are competing with each other.

Paul says in verse 31, "There is a more excellent way."

3. You have a "must" to _____ . (I Corinthians 13:1-3)

A. Talk is just _____ without love. (1)

The only way your spiritual gifts can be used to advance Christ, is if you are _____ by love.

B. _____ is lifeless without love. (2)

C. _____ are empty without love. (3)

Because you are part of the body of Christ, you have a ministry!

You have a responsibility. Out of love, you need to include others. Out of love you need to connect with others in a spiritually meaningful way. Not just on the surface. But because of Jesus Christ.