



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.