

There are many parts, but one body of Christ.



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1 Corinthians 12:21-24

The One Thing:

We Are Better _____ Than

We Are _____.

God Cares Enough To Use The Scalpel Because...

1. It's _____ when we all work together toward his _____.

1 Cor. 12:1-6

Now, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this.² You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshipping speechless idols.³ So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

2. It's _____ When I Begin To
_____ That I Can Make A _____.

1 Cor. 12:7

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

3. It's Compelling When Our _____ Blends
Into _____.

1 Cor. 12:8-14

⁸To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice^[b]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.^[c] ⁹The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,^[d] while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. ¹²The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles,^[e] some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.^[f]

¹⁴Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

4. It's _____ When "You Vs. Me"
Becomes The _____.

1 Cor. 12:15-20

¹⁵If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

5. It's _____ When We Care _____
Each Other, Not Just _____ Each Other.

1 Cor. 12:25-26

²⁵This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.