

Monday, March 9

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 20

In the human body there are indeed many, many parts. All interdependent upon the other. When one system fails, without intervention, all systems begin to decline and will eventually fail. If the heart stops, the brain quickly follows and vice versa. In this passage Paul is not referring to our earthly body but rather to the one body we are through Christ.

Earlier in this book you read that the church at Corinth was gifted but at times could be immature and unspiritual. Paul's letter may be equally timely for churches today. This particular passage can be used to instruct and inspire us. Paul's description of one cooperative human body illustrates how every individual is vital to the health of God's church. Every part is significant. One part is no more important than another. Each individual and the gift they bring, which was given by God, is necessary and has a purpose for God to fulfill His plan. We tend to evaluate ourselves in relation to others. The pitfall comes when we believe that our gift is either insignificant or far too important. Either way it is a detriment.

No one person, program, service, or job is more important than another when they are working in unison in service for God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to work in harmony with one another. May we be ever mindful of all of the varied gifts that you have given so that we together may bring your message and love to all. Amen

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