

THE GOD-CENTERED FAMILY...HIS CHURCH.
(Connected to one-another)
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I Corinthians 12:12-27

1 Corinthians 12:12-Passion

Just as the human body is one, though it has many parts that together form one body, so too is Christ.

Act 2:44-Passion *All the believers were in fellowship as one body, and they shared with one another whatever they had.*

Act 2:45 *Out of generosity they even sold their assets to distribute the proceeds to those who were in need among them.*

Act 2:46 *Daily they met together in the temple courts and in one another's homes to celebrate communion. They shared meals together with joyful hearts and tender humility.*

Act 2:47 *They were continually filled with praises to God, enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were coming to life.*

Philippians 2:3-Passion

3 Be free from pride-filled opinions, *for they will only harm your cherished unity*. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility *put others first and view others as more important than yourselves*.

4 *Abandon every display of selfishness*. Possess a greater concern for what **matters to others** instead *of your own interests*.

1Cor 12:14...the human body is not one single part, but rather many parts mingled into one.

All of us committing as one.

Ephesians 4:16-Passion

For his "body" *has been formed in his image* and is *closely joined together and constantly connected as one*. And *every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all*; and *as these gifts operate effectively throughout the whole body*, we are *built up and made perfect in love*.

1Cor 12:15 So if the foot were to say, "Since I'm not a hand, I'm not a part of the body," it's forgetting that it is still a vital part of the body.

1Cor 12:16 And if the ear were to say, "Since I'm not an eye, I'm not really a part of the body," it's forgetting that it is still an important part of the body.

1Cor 12:17 *Think of it this way*. If the whole body were just an eyeball, how could it hear sounds? And if the whole body were just an ear, how could it smell different fragrances?

1Cor 12:18 But God has carefully *designed each member* and placed it in the body to function *as he desires*.

1Cor 12:19 *A diversity is required*, for if the body consisted of one single part, there wouldn't be a body at all!

1Cor 12:20 So now we see that there are *many differing parts and functions*, but one body.

1Cor 12:27 You are the body of the Anointed One, and *each of you is a unique and vital part of it*.

Rom 12:4-Passion In the human body there are *many parts and organs, each with a unique function*.

Rom 12:5 And so it is in the body of Christ. For though we are many, we've all been mingled into one body in Christ. This means *that we are all vitally joined to one another, with each contributing to the others*.

Rom 12:6 God's marvelous grace *imparts to each one of us varying gifts and ministries* that are uniquely ours.

Let me challenge your commitment level to the church.

1. If your committed to a church, don't participate in negative talk about the people or the ministries.
2. If your committed to a church, Start taking time to get involved with the ministry and the people – offer your services.
3. If your committed to a church, start supporting it with your finances.
4. If your committed to a church, start supporting it with your time.
5. If your committed to a church, come expecting.
6. If your committed to a church, find out what part of the body you are – what you should be doing within the Church.
7. If your committed to a church, encourage somebody.
8. If your committed to a church, help someone.
9. If your committed to a church, care for it.
10. If your committed to a church, go out and bring others in.