



Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

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*of the
Lord
Jesus Christ*

Are You in Ministry?

When have you heard it preached that you are in Ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ
- If you have repented of your sins, asked Jesus Christ to forgive you and come into your life to live, to be your Lord and Savior?

When have you heard it preached that you are to live a life of holiness unto the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit?

This is a very plain *message* to encourage you on in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the Lord Jesus Christ speak to your heart daily as He leads you to walk with Him all the way, regardless whether others are walking with the Lord with their whole heart.

How well would you do if - if you were lacking your thumb? Is your thumb important to you in your daily life? Think about the things that would be challenging if you did not have your thumb. Make a list of what would be challenging. There might even be something you could not do if you did not have your thumb. I believe you get the idea.

Now in the things that you listed that you could not do and/or that would be challenging without a thumb, begin thinking of the whole body working together that what you need to do you are able to do because of the body working together.

Now, the body of Christ Jesus needs every member, and not just every member present, **but** every member working **together**. I Corinthians is very clear and easy to understand concerning the Body of Christ working **together**.

Know that what is accomplished by you is not for your glory, but for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not about you. It is about the Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior Who loves us so much that He calls us each one to serve Him, to walk in obedience to Him within the context of the **TRUE Church**, the **TRUE Body of Christ Jesus**.

I Corinthians 12 may seem like a long chapter to you, but I am asking that you take time to read it with your **HEART**, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak to you knowledge and strength and joy and peace and courage that you may know this day the Lord God has called you to serve Him wherever He has placed you, wherever it is He has called you work in the vineyard. Are you a secretary? You are in ministry if you are seeking the Lord to guide you. Are you a manager? You are in ministry if

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Eph 4:4 *[There is]* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who *[is]* above all, and through all, and in you all.
Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Again, I ask:

Are you in ministry?

ARE YOU DAILY SERVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

you are seeking the Lord to guide you. Are you a taxi driver? You are in ministry if you are seeking the Lord to guide you. Are you a C.E.O.? You are in ministry if you are seeking the Lord to guide you. Are you working in housekeeping? You are in ministry if you are seeking the Lord to guide you.

Wherever the Lord has placed you to work, that is your part of the body of Christ; you are in ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read the following carefully, then re-read it.

1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual *[gifts]*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

1Co 12:2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

1Co 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *[that]* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

1Co 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *[divers]* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1Co 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.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *[we be]* Jews or Gentiles, whether *[we be]* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1Co 12:14 For **the body is not one member**, but many.

1Co 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

1Co 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

1Co 12:17 **If the whole body *[were]* an eye, where *[were]* the hearing?** If the whole *[were]* hearing, where *[were]* the smelling?

1Co 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1Co 12:19 And if they were all one member, where *[were]* the body?

1Co 12:20 But now *[are they]* many members, yet but one body.

1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1Co 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

1Co 12:23 And those *[members]* of the body, WHICH WE THINK TO BE LESS HONOURABLE, UPON THESE WE BESTOW MORE ABUNDANT HONOUR; and our uncomely *[parts]* have more abundant comeliness.

1Co 12:24 For our comely *[parts]* have no need: but **God hath tempered the body together**, having given more abundant honour to that *[part]* which lacked:

1Co 12:25 **That there should be no schism in the body; BUT *[THAT]* THE MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CARE ONE FOR ANOTHER.**

1Co 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

1Co 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

1Co 12:29 [Are] all apostles? [are] all prophets? [are] all teachers? [are] all workers of miracles?

1Co 12:30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

1Co 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Read the next chapter, chapter 13, which you may already know. Read it with your heart, and open your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ; and let Him have His way with you, in your life daily to honor His Holy Name.

There are some important points in the understanding of the Word as we need to look at other passages from the Holy Bible. First, there is one Lord. We each are under His direction, and when hearing His voice and not another voice, the Body of Christ will function, walking together as one. There are those whom the Lord has placed in a position of leadership to whom we are to obey - no, not if that person is not following the Lord Jesus Christ, but we need to seek the Lord in those times we are not sure if that person is following the Lord.

However, let us go to Ephesians Four.

Ephesians 4 - (MMHC)

(Eph 4:1-6) Exhortations to mutual forbearance and union.

(Eph 4:7-16) To a due use of spiritual gifts and graces.

(Eph 4:17-24) To purity and holiness.

(Eph 4:25-32) And to take heed of the sins practised among the heathen.

We must seek to work together, nor lording it over one another, not seeking to be in charge, but seeking to hear the voice of the Lord and follow His Holy Word. Re-read I Corinthians 12 with your heart, slowly - and seeking what the Lord has for you within the context of the body of Christ Jesus in ministry for His glory, for His honor, and for our love for Him.