

October 8 | Sunday

The Body of Christ - Your Part Matters!

Read [1 Corinthians 12:12-31](#)



02 | Mon – Ouch! | Read [1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27](#)

In his New Testament letters, Paul often used the analogy of a body to describe this new group of early believers called the church. A body has many parts but together they form a whole unity. Think about your own body as you read these scriptures. Have you ever lost the use of a part of your body, either temporarily or permanently? How did that affect your ability to function normally? Did other parts jump in to support the loss?

03 | Tue – Valuable differences | Read [Ephesians 1:22-23](#) and [Romans 12:4-8](#)

Each part in a body has a different function, and so does each person in the body of Christ, the church. It is difficult for some people to believe they have much worth, while others think too highly of themselves. One person wishes they could have this talent or that ability while neglecting to realize how important **their** gift is. What is one thing you know you can do well? How could that gift bless and support the body of Christ?

04 | Wed – Sure, I can share | Read [John 6:8-13](#)

It had been a long day; the people were tired and hungry. No food was available except a small boy's lunch. How could five small rolls and two small fish (sardines?) make any any difference in the face of such great need? We know the end of the story but what if you were that little boy? Would you have been tempted to hold on to what you had because it "isn't enough to make a difference"? Are you willing to give **your** small amount of 'food' trusting Jesus to bless it, use it, and multiply it to impact many hungry souls?

05 | Thu – Dr. Luke | Read [Luke 1:1-4](#) and [Acts 1:1-2](#)

Luke's gift was in the medical field. He traveled with Paul as his physician but Luke also witnessed first hand the amazing way in which God used the man formerly known as Saul. Luke was also a curious person, interested in history, and had the gift of writing. Today Luke is not remembered for those he cured but for the two letters (Luke and Acts) which he wrote to one person. Maybe you have an ability that does not appear in the list of spiritual gifts. What might happen if you gave that thing to God and asked him to use it?

06 | Fri – Stephen | Read [Acts 6:1-8](#)

Stephen is mentioned two times in Acts. The most famous is the account of his execution, the first martyr for believing in Jesus. But did you know that he was not a preacher? He was gifted as an administrator and had been put in charge of the food program. In that role, Steven and his team "waited on tables" serving others, but he was also known as a person full of God's grace and power. Is it possible that your greatest contribution to the body of Christ is something you think is not particularly spiritual?

07 | Sat – None too small | Read [Acts 1:1-19](#) and [9:36](#)

Large or small, each part of your physical body is important. So are those who make up the body of Christ. Read about Dorcas who made clothes for the poor, Ananias who obediently went to lay hands on and pray for one of the most feared enemies of the early church, and highly visible leaders like Peter and John in Acts 3:1-10. Each believer had an important part to play in changing their world. Are you willing for God to use you here and now?