



“Interdependent”

A Fully Functioning Body
I Corinthians 12:20-31

It’s best when we:

I. Celebrate – “we bestow more abundant honor” (vs. 20-24)

Celebrating:

A. **D**_____ – “But now are they many members, yet one body”

B. **De**_____ – “cannot say...I have no need of you”

C. **Des**_____ – “but God has tempered the body together”

II. Care – “the same care one for another” (vs. 25-27)

Caring about:

A. **S**_____ – “That there should be no schisms”

B. **Su**_____ – “whether one member suffer, all members suffer”

C. **Suc**_____ – “one member be honored, all members rejoice”

III. Covet – “But covet earnestly the best gifts” (vs. 28-31)

Coveting divine:

A. **P**_____ - “God hath set some in the church”

B. **P**_____ – “Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all...?”

C. **P**_____ – “shew I unto you a more excellent way”

Sentence Sermon

“All have their worth and each contributes to the worth of the others.” J.R.R. Tolkien

Additional Verses

➤ *I Corinthians 1:4-7; 14:1-2*

➤ *II Corinthians 8:7*

➤ *Hebrews 10:25*

➤ *Ephesians 2:20*

➤ *John 13:34-35*

➤ *Mark 10:45*

➤ *Romans 12:10, 15-16; 13:8*

➤ *Galatians 5:13*

List of Spiritual Gifts (Besides I Corinthians 12:28)

➤ *Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11-12; I Peter 4:10-11*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How do our eyes and hands “need” each other?
4. How do the terms “feeble” & “less honorable” relate to church members?
5. What does it mean to bestow honor or comeliness to a church member?
6. What is the standard care that every member ought to have?
7. How can we suffer with those who suffer? rejoice with those who rejoice?
8. What significance is it that the “you” in verse 27 is plural?
9. How do you feel when someone refuses or disrespects a gift you give?
10. What can we gather from “God has set some in the church” in verse 28?
11. Why are some gifts better than others?
12. When did you get the most satisfaction in serving in the body of Christ?
13. Why do you think the gift of tongues is so prominent today?