

Members Of One Another I Corinthians 12:12-27

There is _____ in unity!

"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

John 17:20-23 NASB

This kind of unity _____ Satan.

□ Paul Describing The Church

- In the letter to Corinth Paul used an _____ analogy.
- In this same passage Paul used an _____ analogy.
- Paul also used an anatomical analogy when he identified God's people as a "_____".

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10 NIV

No matter how immature the Christians were at Corinth, they could not _____ Paul's message.

His message is _____ – "Christians are members of one another."

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV

When Paul wrote to the Romans he said:

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, Romans 12:4 NASB

And then Paul made his _____:

so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:5 NASB

□ Three Important Truths

1st Interdependence: No individual Christian can _____ effectively in _____ and _____.

To win the battles of life we must _____ together.

2nd Humility: No member of Christ's body should _____ more important than any other member of Christ's body.

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Romans 12:3 NASB

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; Ephesians 4:2-4 NASB

On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 1 Corinthians 12:22-26 NASB

3rd Unity: Every Christian should work hard at creating _____ in the body of Christ.

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1 Corinthians 1:10 NASB

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Ephesians 4:3 NASB

So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. Romans 14:19 NASB