

What Body Part Are You?

What body part am I in the church? This might sound like a strange question, but the Bible actually encourages us to think this way. In 1 Corinthians 12:12, Paul writes, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

God designed the church to function like a body-many different parts, all working together for a greater purpose. That means you and I aren’t meant to operate in isolation. We’re part of something bigger. Just like your hand isn’t meant to detach and operate on its own. Christians aren’t meant to live disconnected from the church.

Some of us might be the eyes-those who help the church see where it’s going, offering vision and discernment. Others are the ears, listening closely to God’s Word and to the needs of others. Maybe you’re the hands, always ready to serve, fix, or comfort. Or perhaps the feet, bringing the good news, moving the church forward in love and action.

Each part matters. Every Christian has a role. 1 Corinthians 12:18 reminds us, “But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose.” You’re not in the church by accident. Each one of you has different gifts and strengths that the rest of the body needs.

But what happens when a part of the body is missing, or tries to go at it alone? Imagine a foot deciding to detach and live on its own. That wouldn’t just be painful-it would be impossible. The foot needs the leg, the leg needs the hip, and the hip needs the rest of the body. In the same way, Christians cannot thrive spiritually when separated from the church body. We were created for connection, not isolation.

Paul continues this powerful thought in 1 Corinthians 12:21, “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need to you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’” We need one another. No one is useless, and no one is self-sufficient.

So.... what body part are you? Are you actively contributing to the health of the body? Or are you disconnected, trying to function alone?

The church doesn’t need perfect people-it needs connected ones. Let’s commit to being active, vital parts of the body of Christ, working together in love, service and faith. Because when every part is doing its part, the body is strong-and so is the church.

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