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The Many Members in One Body

Chapter 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

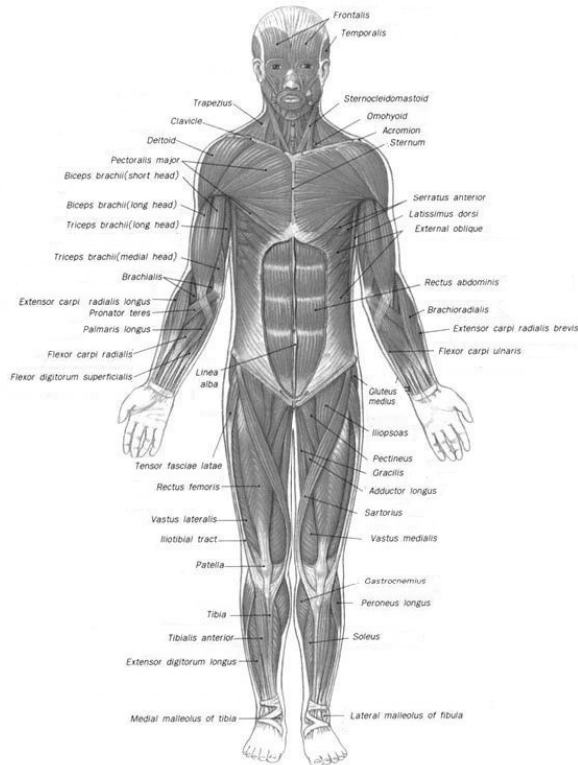
Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that I am a member of the body of Christ.
2. To understand that there is a role that fits my position within the Church, and I must find and perform that role.

Open Your Heart

Skeletal Muscles of the Human Body (anterior view)



Let us learn about the anatomy and the functions of our bodies which God has created and then have fellowship with our fellow peers.



Understanding Today's Lesson

God, by His power, raised Christ from the dead and gave Him to be head over all things to the church. The church is the body of Christ. Each individual born-again saint is organically knit together as members of the church, which is the body. The body is one, but the hands, feet, ears, eyes, and other members each play their own roles, having different functions. Likewise, Christians each have their own gifts and roles which God has given according to His will. The purpose behind God distributing gifts to each person is for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ, which is the church.

At first glance, the eyes and mouth may seem like holy and honorable members while the hands and feet may seem like dishonorable members that only do hard labor. Disputes may arise between the members. However, God made all members of our body as necessary.

Even in the church that is the body of Christ, God uses each saint as necessary. There are people who serve publicly, and there are also other people who serve, sweating, in places that cannot be seen. However, all the work is fulfilled according to the command of Christ who is the head and works together for good. It is ultimately for the glory of God. Therefore, we who have been saved should have a humble heart. Also, we must love one another. Not only should we partake in the work of revealing the glory of the Lord and rejoice together but also share the burden of suffering by partaking in distress. This is because all born-again saints are one body.

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ

(1 Corinthians 12:12)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(1 Corinthians 12:22–25)

(Ephesians 4:15–16)

(Ephesians 5:29–30)



Changing

Directions

Read Romans 12:3–13, and think about "members" and "gifts."

1. We tend to usually compare ourselves to others. However, the Lord says that making these comparisons and judgments is wrong. Let us meditate on verse 4, and then write down why it is wrong to compare.

2. Although we are all different members, we are in one body. Let us record our thoughts on what is good about having members of different shapes and roles all in one body and what is inconvenient.

3. The Word says that the gifts that we have are actually "given" by God. If that is the case, what is the reason that God gives us gifts? How should we use these gifts?

4. Sometimes, complaints arise because I think that the gift I received from the Lord is worse than the gift that another member received. Let us meditate on verses 3 and 6–8 and summarize what is the right thought to have when I am in this situation.



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

Let us pray that we are able to love, respect, and serve our brothers and sisters by understanding that they are also members of the Lord like me.



Our Story

God's Workmanship

Camel

Dense hair in order to maintain body temperature.



Two rows of eyelashes in order to prevent dust from entering into the eyes.



Nostrils that can close on their own.



A mouth that allows the camel to live by breathing only seven or eight times a minute.



Feet that do not sink into the sand due to the insoles on the bottom of the feet.



(Job 12:7–9) But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this,

When the Face Met the Butthole

One day, the face and the butthole met each other coincidentally. The face arrogantly laughed at the butthole,

"Hey, butthole! You're ugly and small, and you're wrinkled and even smelly. You don't even do much. I don't know why you exist."

Then, the angry butthole was vengeful and didn't let go of the poop for a week. Then a week later, the face became...



That's right. We are all inseparable members in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12–31).



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