



The King's Invitation

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**In your opinion, what makes for a good church?
What makes for a good church member?**

We often talk about how we would like the church to be and how we'd like to see it grow, but how often do we talk about our role in the church and how that impacts the church? Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for the church in 1 Corinthians 12. Our bodies work best when every part functions correctly. In order for the church to work the way God intends, it must have every part doing its job. God wants us to take an active role in serving the church and loving its members.

READ [1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11](#).

God has given every Christian at least one spiritual gift to use in the church, and God expects us to recognize, develop, and employ the gifts He has given us, in order that we might fulfill our role in the body.

Why is it important for believers to know which spiritual gifts they have?

How does understanding your gifts help you comprehend and embrace the role the Spirit has equipped you to fulfill?

READ [1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-20](#).

Why do you think Paul chose the "body" imagery to describe the church?

**It's easy to identify how different parts of the body function differently.
What are some unique and different gifts you have recognized in our group or in our church body as a whole?**

Paul's metaphor of the body is effective because it is a clear picture that anyone can understand. Having all legs or all ears would make a body virtually useless. The gifts that God gives believers are meant to be unifying because together all the gifts make up a complete body. We are exhorted to know our gifts so we can use them to serve the church, and the diversity of gifts God has given is a great strength.

Given what you've learned about how crucial each member of our church is, will you pledge to be a functioning member and embrace the role the Spirit has equipped you to fulfill?

If so, are there any roles you feel you could do a better job of fulfilling as a part of our body?