



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Twelve

Am I building up the Church with my talents?

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. -1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Here the Apostle Paul is comparing the Church to a body. He says that we are members of the body of Christ. This body is made up of many different parts with many different functions. Each is important.

If you are part of the body of Christ, you need to be performing your function. It's really frustrating (and even dangerous) when part of your body is not doing what it is designed to do. There are many church goers who do not think they have a responsibility to use what they have received to serve the body of Christ. You are a part of the body. We (the other parts) NEED you. Paul says "if ONE member suffers, ALL suffer together; if ONE member is honored ALL rejoice together." You affect the other members of this body whether or not you choose to believe it.

You have been wired with a specific talent, gifting, skill set for the purpose of bringing glory to God and to serve others. We went through this in yesterday's devotional. You are a specific body part, with a very specific role. No matter how large or small, it is important. You can be used to build up the house of God, whether you have 10 minutes or 10 hours.

No matter what your past, no matter how you think you may mess up, no matter what fears you may have, God WANTS you to be a part of this body.

Our response to Jesus' call to us to serve His Bride should be "of course!" We should use our gifting to serve the church we call home, because we should be concerned with how we, as the Church, are fulfilling the commission to share

the good news and disciple the nations.

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! -Psalm 100:2

Questions To Consider

Which of your talents and abilities can you use to serve the Church?

Are you using your gifts and talents to build the Church? If so, how? If not, why?

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, I am grateful that You have given me a place where I belong. I am thankful to be a part of Your church. Thank You for knowing my individual place in the body of Christ. Help me see where that place is to use my gifts and help me fulfill my role with gladness. Amen.

Written by Jenna Laza, Student Ministry Assistant