

FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

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SOH - Lesson 2

I Corinthians 12:28: *"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."*

Greek definition of helps: "One of the ministrations in the local church, by way of rendering assistance, or especially of help ministered to the weak and the needy."

"OOOOOOOOH, the infinite value of the humble gospel helpers, thousands of people who have no gifts as leaders are number one helpers. How grand revival work moves along when red-hot platoons of fire-baptized helpers crowd around God's heroic leaders of the embattled hosts." (Rev. W. B. Godbey1)

1. God desires for every church in the world:
HAVING ENOUGH LOVING PEOPLE SERVING.
2. Paul was always trying to show people how important they are to **EACH OTHER,** how much we need **EACH OTHER.**
3. We are **MUTUALLY DEPENDENT** upon each other.
I Corinthians 12:12-21
12: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
13: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
14: For the body is not one member, but many.
15: If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
16: And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
17: If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?
18: But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him.
19: And if they were all one member, where were the body?
20: But now are they many members, yet but one body.
21: And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you."
4. We should have the members of the body prepared, healthy, **READY TO BE USED** when they are called upon.
5. **GOD** has set the members in the body as it pleased **HIM.**

6. GOD wants to be involved in the local church.
7. God knows how to get our ATTENTION.
8. Everybody wants to be the HEAD.
9. It takes ALL of the members of my body to lift Jesus as high as I can.
10. God is the only one who is QUALIFIED to set the members, everyone of them, in the body, as it has pleased Him.
11. God is the Potter, and we are the CLAY.
12. Many people don't get anything done for God because they are busy running around CHECKING OUT THE CELLS.
13. When you cut yourself, a SIRENE GOES OFF alerting the blood cells to come against all bad things from entering in and to protect the life from going out.
14. This is like when the pastor stands up on Sunday morning and the siren goes off for the saints to come RALLYING AROUND.

1. Rev. W. B. Godbey, Godbey's Commentary (Cincinnati Revivalist Press, 1986, by M. W. Knapp)