

# The Compelling Reality of a Connected Church

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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**The church is connected – 12-13**

**No member is insignificant – 14-20**

**No member is superior – 21-26**

**The church is connected to build the body. 27-31**

**Memory Verse** – “For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12.

**Mon** - Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. What are the implications for our thought life and behavior toward fellow believers that flow from these verses about the church?

**Tue** - Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-17. Are there times when you envy or covet another’s gift, and if so what are the heart issues that cause your dissatisfaction with your own gifting?

**Wed** - Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-21. Are there times when you have belittled or thought poorly of another person’s contribution to the body of Christ and what are some of the heart issues that have led you to do that?

**Thu** - Read 1 Corinthians 12:22-26; Romans 12:9-15. In what ways can we be in community with other members of the body so that we suffer and rejoice together?

**Fri** - Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 4:14-17. Make a list of your gifts and abilities, and opposite of each, list the multiple ways each gift/ability can be used in the Body of Christ.

**Sat** - Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Consider the extent of the love we have received from God in Christ Jesus, and prepare your hearts for tomorrow’s sermon. Bring someone to church who especially needs to hear about the love of God poured out in Christ’s blood.