

Romans 12:4-8
Gifts Assessment

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

God's arrangement ...

I. In One Body

- A. Christ's
- B. Corpus

II. Many Members

- A. Individuals
- B. In Action

III. Different Functions

- A. Exempla Gratia (eg)
 - 1. Prophecy
 - 2. Service
 - 3 Teaching
 - 4. Exhortation
 - 5. Generosity
 - 6. Leadership
 - 7. Mercy
- B. Et Cetera (etc)

... in motion.

Children, Listen ...

1. What is Paul saying is like a body?
2. Do all the parts of your body do the same thing? Are they all important?
3. What are some of the things you see people doing in the church?
4. Did you know that God gave you Sunday School teacher the gift of teaching His Word?
5. What are some things that you do or would like to do in your church some day?

I am often amazed by how much it takes to make a church operate well. Thankfully God has gifted every member of a church so that they can contribute to the life of the body. No matter how big or small the church is and whatever resources that have or lack for that matter, a local church can only function to its fullest potential when every member is doing their part. If we understand the church according to what the Bible says and if we understand the Christian life the way Scripture teaches we will easily see that everyone has a part, a place and a responsibility to be directly involved in the function of God's local expression of His Kingdom on earth. I am often amazed at the energy and devotion so many of our folks invest in the body life of Covenant – and I am deeply thankful for it (see the February Covenant Connection). I also realize that, by the grace of God, we have great potential to do even more than we are. If we intentionally pool together all the gifts and abilities God has given us – that is – working together at full capacity – we can ramp up our efforts even more, and in doing so it stands to reason we will be even more effective in the advancement of the Kingdom of our great God. We are all part of the body of Christ here, may we function in a healthy, harmonious and productive way together.