

BODY LIFE – GOD’S WAY
(1 Corinthians 12:14-31)

- Ephesians 4:11-16

A. The CONCERN of Paul. (12:1)

B. The COUNTERFEITS of their PAST. (12:2)

C. The CLEAR PRIORITY of Scriptural PRINCIPLE - Starting with the Truth about JESUS CHRIST. (12:3)

D. The CLARIFICATION about SPIRITUAL GIFTS. (12:4-11)

E. The CREATED INTERDEPENDENCE of the CHURCH. (12:12-27)

1. ANATOMY 101. (12:12a)

- The human body is complete as _____, though consisting of _____.
- The human body, though made up of many _____, is still only _____.

2. APPLICATIONS #1. (12:12b-13)

- Just like the human body is one with many members, so also is the Body of _____ (12:12b)
- The means of this spiritual positional unity is the _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit relative to every believer in this age. (12:13)

3. ANATOMY 201. (12:14-17)

- The human body is a _____ of individual parts which make up the _____. (12:14)
- Each member of the human body is _____ with its _____ and _____ while recognizing that its difference does not mean it is not a part of the whole body. (12:15-16)
- Each part of the human body has a _____ function that no other part can do. (12:17)

4. APPLICATIONS #2. (12:18-20)

- Each believer’s place of service and spiritual gift has been _____. (12:18a)
- Each believer’s place of service and spiritual gift has been _____. (12:18b)

- c. Each believer's place of service and spiritual gift is _____ for the proper function and growth of the Body of Christ. (12:19-20)

5. ANATOMY 301. (12:21-24a)

- a. Every member of the human body has a built-in _____ with each other. (12:21)
- b. Even those members of the human body which appear to be weaker are still very _____. (12:22)
- c. Even members of the human body which are deemed "not as important," we actually bestow _____ (with shoes, gloves, or clothing); and other members of the body simply need normal _____ or _____. (12:23-24a)

6. APPLICATIONS #3. (12:24b-25)

- a. God composed the body of Christ so that there should be _____ in it. (12:24b-25a)
- b. God composed the body of Christ so that believers would have the same _____ for one another. (12:25b)

7. ANATOMY 401. (12:26)

- a. If one member of the human body suffers (like the big toe), _____ the body _____. (12:26a)
- b. If one member of the human body is honored (with a pat on the back), the _____ body is honored. (12:26b)

8. APPLICATIONS #4. (12:27-31)

- a. Remember your _____... "you" is plural. (12:27a)
- b. Remember your _____... "*are the body* [singular] *of Christ.*" (12:27b)
- c. Remember your _____... "*and members individually.*" (12:27c)
- d. Recognize God's _____... regarding your place of service and spiritual gifts. (12:28)
- e. Recognize God's _____ and our _____ regarding your place of service and spiritual gifts. (12:29-30)
- f. Realize God's more "*excellent way*" of using your spiritual gifts is to do so in _____. (12:31)

* How is this all possible?