

Spiritual Gifts: Individual Members **1 Corinthians 12:27-31**

I. PERSONS: "you are Christ's body" (v.27)

A. Whole: "Christ's body" (v.27a)

- * Authority: Christ alone is the head who leads.

B. Parts: "individually members" (v.27b)

- * Teamwork: Each believer has a role to serve.

II. PERFORMANCE: "God has appointed" (vv.28-30)

A. Diversity: "first...second...third..." (v.28)

1. First: "apostles"
2. Second: "prophets"
3. Third: "teachers"
4. Fourth: "miracles"
5. Fifth: "gifts of healings"
6. Sixth: "helps"
7. Seventh: "administrations"
8. Eighth: "kinds of tongues"

B. Dependence: "all are not..." (vv.29-30)

III. PERFECTION: "earnestly desire" (v.31)

A. Striving: "the greater gifts" (v.31a)

1. Exert Yourself: "but earnestly desire"
2. Extra Special: "the greater gifts"

B. Surpassing: "more excellent way" (v.31b)

1. Exhibition: "I show you"
2. Extraordinary: "a still more excellent way"