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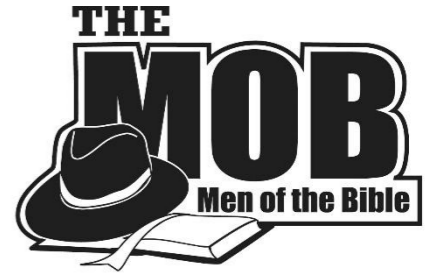
**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)**



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# Announcements



- Men of the Bible: [www.ibt.mob.net](http://www.ibt.mob.net)
- Easter Concerts 11, 12, and 13 April
- CREDO conference 1-2 May

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CONFERENCE

**MAY 1-2, 2025**

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**SPEAKERS:**

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<b>GAVIN ORTLUND</b>	<b>MICHAEL REEVES</b>	<b>FRED SANDERS</b>
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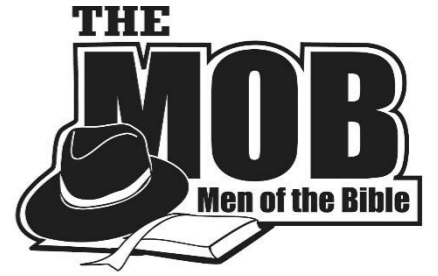
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# 1 Corinthians

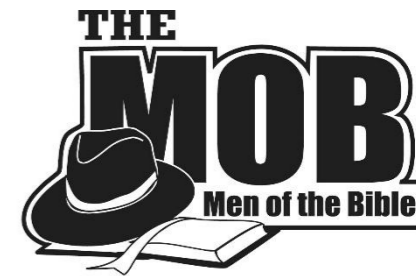


- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Hymn: “If We Are the Body,” Casting Crowns**



# If We Are the Body

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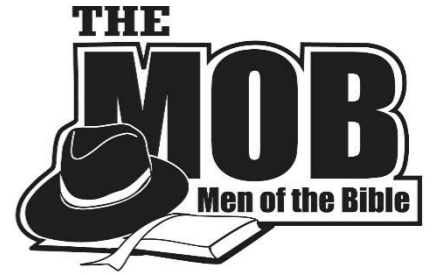
It's crowded in worship today  
As she slips in  
Trying to fade into the faces  
The girls' teasing laughter is carrying Farther  
than they know  
Farther than they know



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# If We Are the Body

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But if we are the body

Why aren't his arms reaching?

Why aren't his hands healing?

Why aren't his words teaching?

And if we are the body

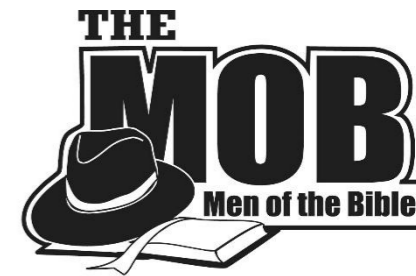
Why aren't his feet going?

Why is his love not showing them there is a way?

There is a way

# If We Are the Body

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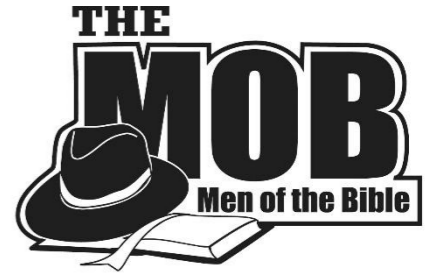
A traveler is far away from home  
He sheds his coat  
And quietly sinks into the back row  
The weight of their judgmental glances  
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road



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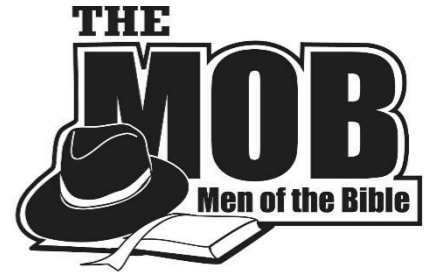
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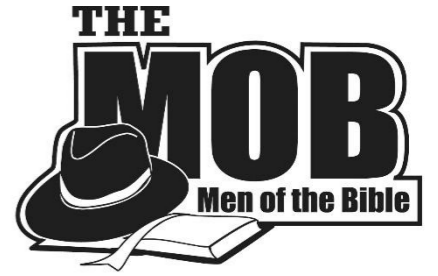


Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should come And we  
are the body of Christ



# If We Are the Body

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And if we are the body

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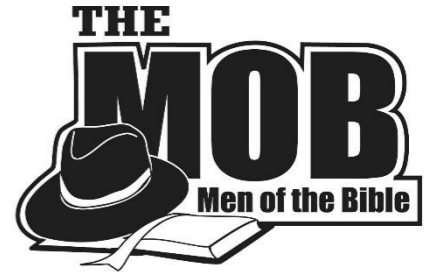
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Why aren't his words teaching?

And if we are the body

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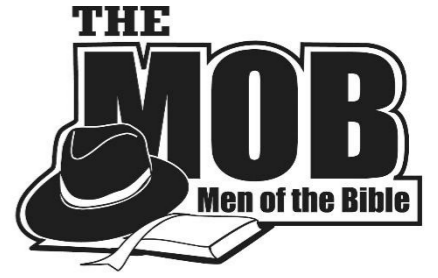
Why is his love not showing them there is a way?

Jesus is the way



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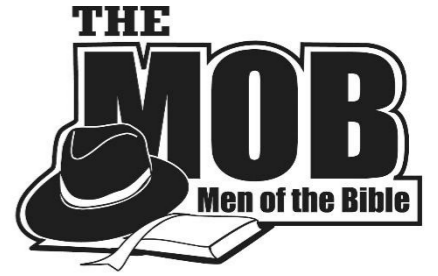
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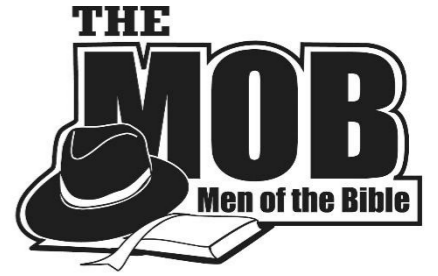
**If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.**

**1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV)**



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# Our Study of 1 Corinthians



## Last Meeting:

- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Spiritual Gifts)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
- Refreshment Host: Group D

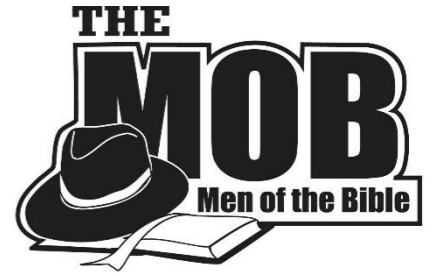
## Tonight:

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (One Body with Many Members)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:26
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on 1 Corinthians, 2024 Edition, pp. 240-253; MacArthur New Testament Commentary, pp. 309-326*
- Refreshment Host: E



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# 1 Corinthians Outline

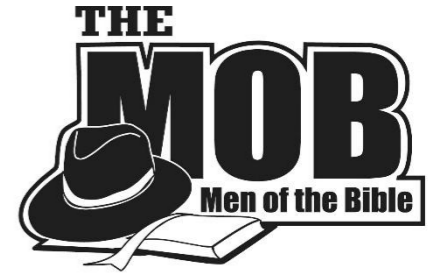


	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4									
<b>Divisions</b>	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers				Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24		
<b>Topics</b>	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church						Difficulties in the Church											
	Concern				Condemnation						Counsel											
<b>Place</b>	Written in Ephesus																					
<b>Time</b>	circa A.D. 56																					



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# 1 Corinthians Schedule

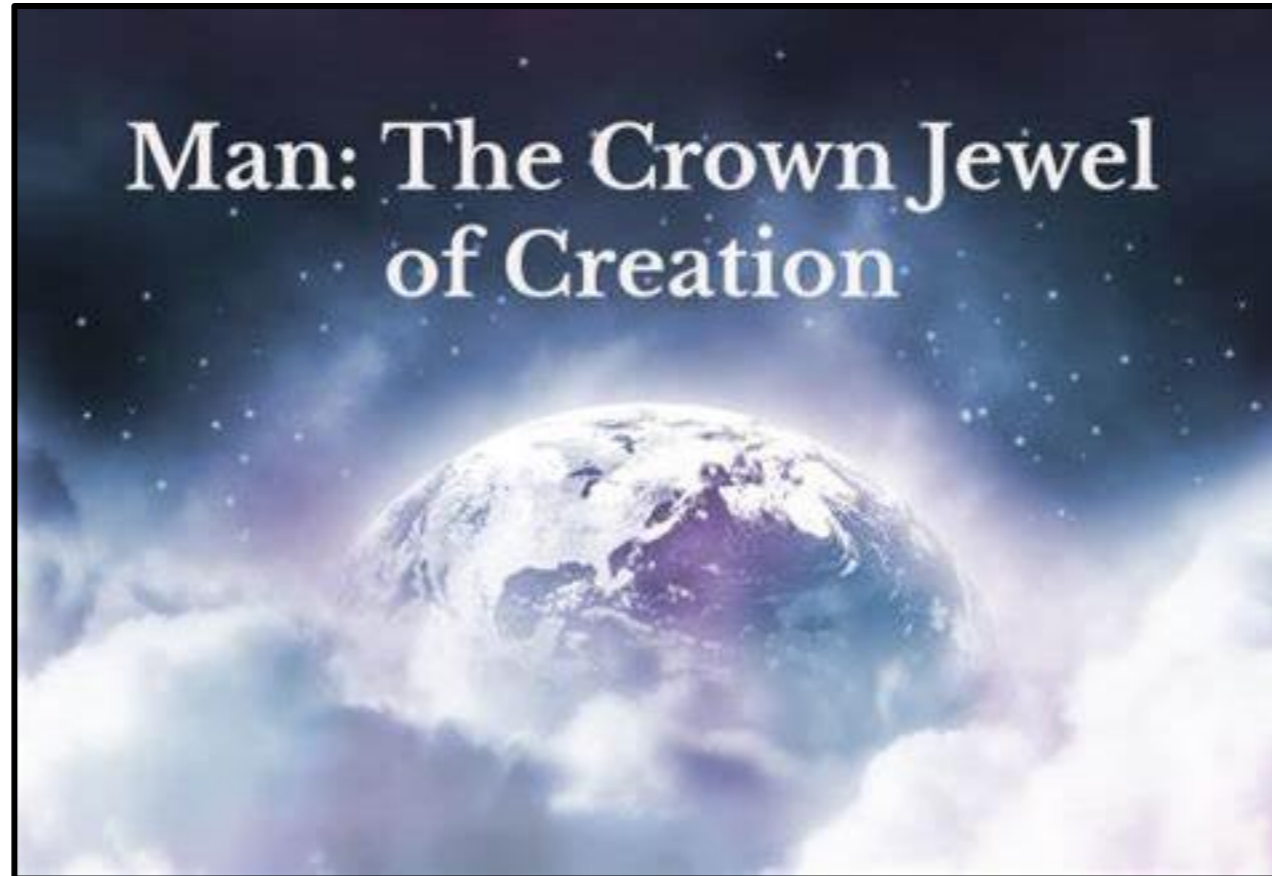
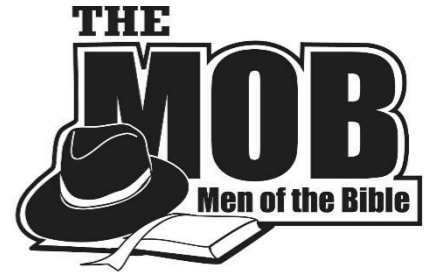


22	18-Feb	12:1-11	225-240	277-307	12:4-6	D
23	25-Feb	12:12-31	240-253	309-326	12:26	E
24	4-Mar	13:1-13	253-266	327-367	13:2	F
25	11-Mar	14:1-12	266-273	369-376	14:1	G
26	18-Mar	14:13-25	273-280	376-384	14:22	H
27	25-Mar	14:26-40	280-291	384-395	14:40	A
28	1-Apr	15:1-19	291-302	397-414	15:3-4	B
29	8-Apr	15:20-34	302-310	415-430	15:21	C
EASTER BREAK						



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# Our Body: God's Handiwork



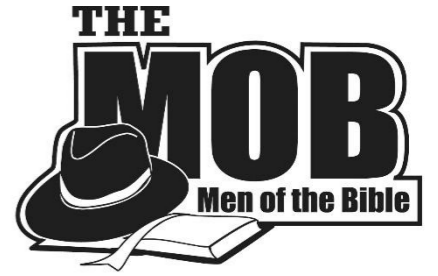
The human body has been called the microcosm of the universe, a little world of wonders and a monument of divine wisdom and power, sufficient to convince the most incredulous mind of the existence of the Great Designer. (A.B. Simpson)





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13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, **intricately woven in the depths of the earth**. (Psalm 139:13-15)

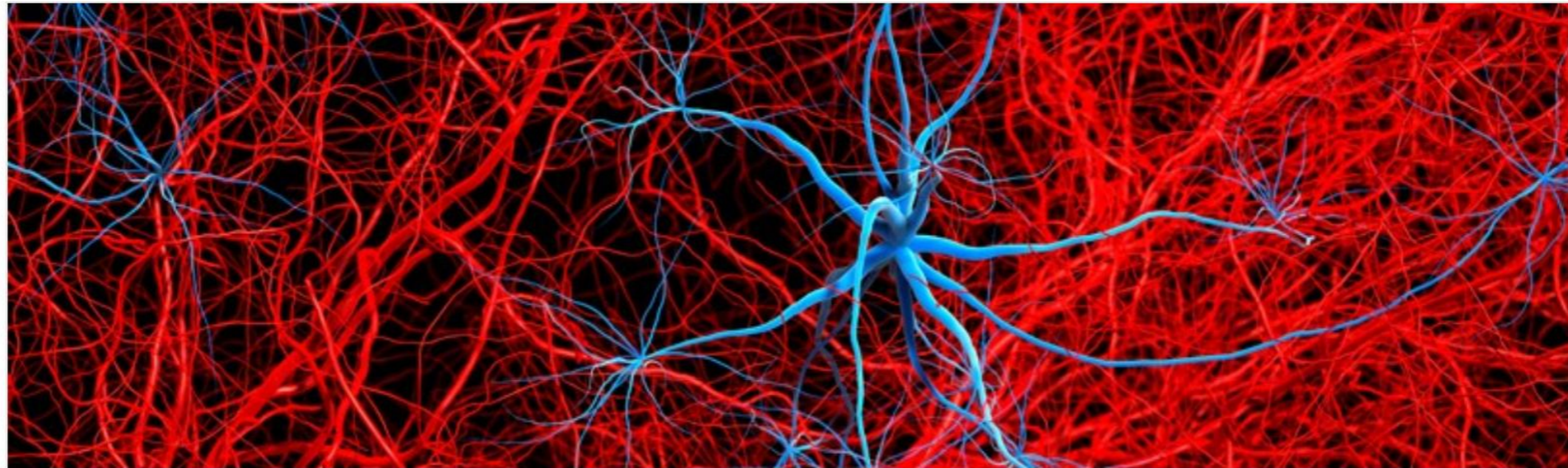
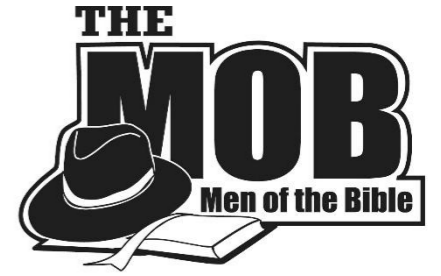
24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, **who formed you from the womb**: “**I am the LORD, who made all things**, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, (Isaiah 44:24)

16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things were created through him and for him**. (Colossians 1:16)



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## 92 Amazing Human Body Facts



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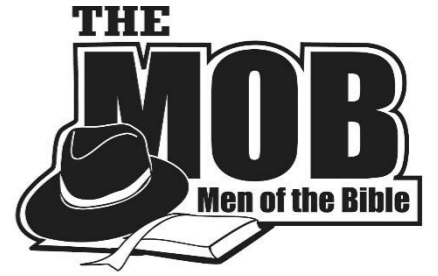
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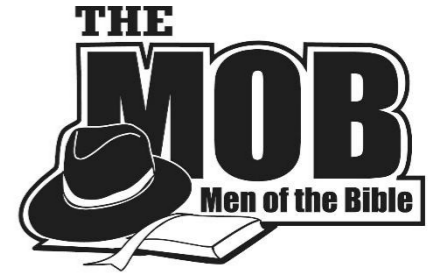
- 1 The largest bone in the human body is the femur. It can support 30 times the weight of a person's body. Ounce for ounce, that's stronger than steel.<sup>[23]</sup>
- 2 Messages from the human brain travel along nerves at up to 200 miles an hour (322 km/h).<sup>[23]</sup>
- 3 In an adult human, 25% of their bones are in the feet.<sup>[13]</sup>
- 4 The gluteus maximus is the body's largest muscle.<sup>[18]</sup>
- 5 A human's ears and nose never stop growing.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 6 There are more bacteria in a human mouth than there are people in the world.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 7 A human's little finger contributes over 50% of the hand's strength.<sup>[19]</sup>
- 8 If a human being's DNA were uncoiled, it would stretch 10 billion miles, from Earth to Pluto and back.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 9 Within three days of dying, the enzymes that digested a person's food will begin to diegest that person's body.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 10 For an adult human, taking just one step uses up to 200 muscles.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 11 A human skeleton renews itself completely every 10 years.<sup>[25]</sup>





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**12** The same skin cells that make up a human vagina are the same type of cells that are in a human mouth.<sup>[26]</sup>

**13** By the time a person reaches 70 years old, he or she will have consumed over 12,000 gallons of water.<sup>[26]</sup>

**14** Bone is five times stronger than a steel bar of the same width, but it is brittle and can fracture on impact.<sup>[26]</sup>

**15** The body can detect taste in .0015 seconds, which is faster than the blink of an eye.<sup>[26]</sup>

**16** Every hour, humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin, or about 1.5 pounds every year. By the time a person is 70 years old, they will have lost about 105 pounds of skin.<sup>[1]</sup>

**17** The largest cell in the human body is an egg (or ovum) and is barely visible to the naked eye.<sup>[13]</sup>

**18** Taste buds are not visible to the naked eye; the little bumps that can be seen on the tongue are actually papillae, on top of which rest the taste buds.<sup>[26]</sup>

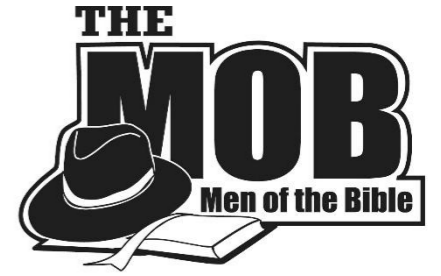
**19** There are ten times more bacteria cells in your body than human cells.<sup>[26]</sup>

**20** The brain contains 86 billion nerve cells joined by 100 trillion connections. This is more than the number of stars in the Milky Way.<sup>[26]</sup>



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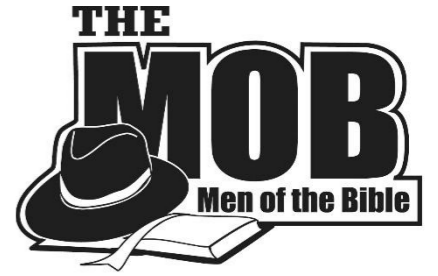


- 21 Like fingerprints, each human tongue has its own unique print.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 22 Two percent of the human population has a bifid uvula, which means it has a forked appearance.<sup>[2]</sup>
- 23 Rhinotillexomania is the excessive habit of picking one's nose.<sup>[2]</sup>
- 24 The lining in a person's stomach is replaced every 4 to 5 days to prevent it from digesting itself.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 25 An adult human's small intestine is about 18 to 23 feet long, which is about four times as long as an adult is tall.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 26 Semen normally contains 1-8 billion sperm per fluid ounces (140-300 million sperm per millimeter).<sup>[13]</sup>
- 27 A person's feet have about 500,000 sweat glands and can produce about a pint of sweat a day.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 28 A human sneeze can travel about 100 mph or more.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 29 The average human produces 25,000 quarts of saliva in a lifetime, enough to fill two swimming pools.<sup>[23]</sup>



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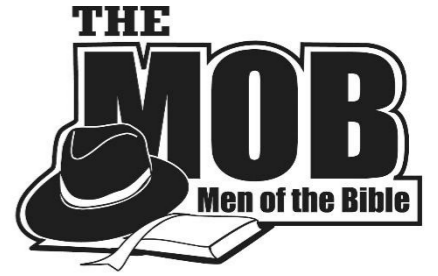


- 30** Fingernails grow faster on the hand a person writes with. They also grow faster than toenails, and faster on longer fingers.<sup>[1]</sup>
- 31** The strongest muscle in the human body is the masseter, or the jaw muscle.<sup>[13]</sup>
- 32** The liver the largest internal organ and is the only organ that can regenerate itself. However, repeated damage to the liver can eventually injure and scar this amazing organ.<sup>[18]</sup>
- 33** The human brain uses just as much power as a 10-watt light bulb.<sup>[25]</sup>
- 34** The word "organ" comes from an old Greek word, *organon*, which means "tool" or "instrument."<sup>[26]</sup>
- 35** There are so many nerve cells in a human brain that it would take almost 3,000 years to count them.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 36** An adult's skin weighs between 8 and 11 pounds (3.6 to 5 kg). It's surface area is about 18-22 square feet (1.7 to 2 sq. m), which is the size of the floor in a one-person tent.<sup>[26]</sup>
- 37** The longest bone in an adult human is the thighbone, measuring about 18 inches (46 cm). The shortest bone is in the ear and is just 0.1 inches (.25 cm) long, which is shorter than a grain of rice.<sup>[25]</sup>



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**38** An adult who weighs 150 pounds has a skeleton that weighs about 21 pounds.<sup>[26]</sup>

**39** An average person walks about 100,000 miles (160,934 km) in his or her lifetimes, which is like walking around the world four times at the equator.<sup>[26]</sup>

**40** An adult human body is made up of about 7 octillion atoms.<sup>[18]</sup>

**41** The fastest muscles in a human body are the ones that make the eyes blink. They can contract in less than one-hundredth of a second. In just one day, a person may blink their eyes over 11,500 times.<sup>[18]</sup>

**42** The word "muscle" is from the Latin word *musculus*, or "little mouse." The Romans thought a flexing muscle looked like a mouse moving under the skin.<sup>[26]</sup>

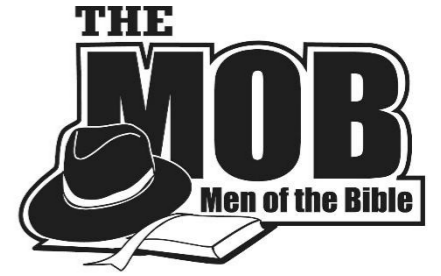
**43** Omphalophobia is the fear of the navel.<sup>[7]</sup>

**44** Humans spend about five years of their lives eating.<sup>[25]</sup>



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**45** An adult's stomach can hold over two quarts (1.9 l) of food. That's enough to fill four large or eight small drinking glasses.<sup>[26]</sup>

**46** The average human produces about three to eight ounces of feces a day.<sup>[26]</sup>

**47** The average person has about 5 pounds of bacteria in his or her digestive system.<sup>[25]</sup>

**48** "Eructation" is the medical word for burping.<sup>[2]</sup>

**49** "Coprastasophobia" is the fear of constipation.<sup>[5]</sup>

**50** In an adult human, blood circulates about 12,000 miles (19,000 km) a day. This is like traveling from east to west across the widest part of the Pacific Ocean.<sup>[26]</sup>

**51** A human heart beats over 3 billion times during an average human lifespan.<sup>[18]</sup>

**52** The word "lung" is from a German word meaning "light"; together two adult human lungs weigh only 2.5 pounds (11.1kg).<sup>[26]</sup>

**53** If you spread out an adult human's brain, it would be about the size of a pillowcase.<sup>[26]</sup>

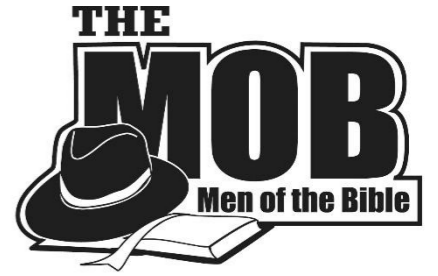
**54** Adult humans spend about 33% of their lives asleep. A python spends about 75% of their life, and a dog spends about 44%.<sup>[26]</sup>





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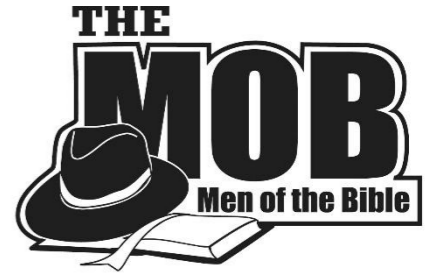


It is "...made up of 37 trillion cells across 200 types. The skin, our largest organ, Contains 100 billion cells, while the brain houses 100 billion neurons, processing up to 60,000 thoughts daily. The retina can distinguish 10 million colors with its 127 million specialized cells. Our circulatory system includes 30 billion red blood cells and 42 billion blood vessels, transporting 6 liters of blood – 10% of body weight. Daily, we take 23,040 breaths, the heart beats 115,200 times, and over a lifetime, we produce enough saliva to fill two pools. With 640 muscles, 360 joints, and 206 bones, the human body is a masterpiece of complexity and efficiency." (Life Facts)



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# 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Summary

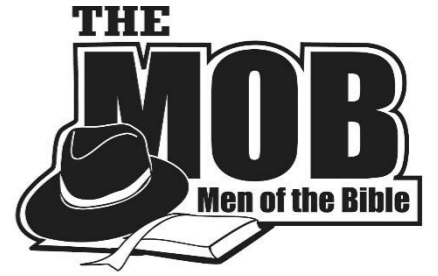


”To sum up, **all believers in Jesus** have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and therefore have **received the gift of the abiding Spirit Himself**. The **indwelling Spirit of God** then bestows upon each individual **unique spiritual gifts to exercise for the building up of the body of Christ, the church**. The Spirit also nurtures within us the manifestations of His spiritual character, producing the fruit of the Spirit, which enables us to live godly, virtuous lives.”  
(Chuck Swindoll)



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# 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Outline



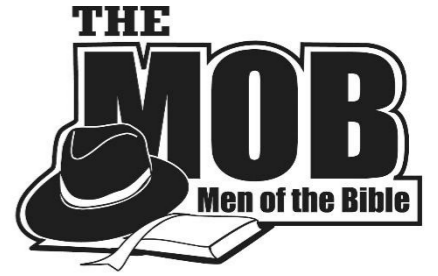
- **Unified and Diversified** (verses 12-19)
- **Interdependence, Not Independence** (Verses 20-31)  
(John MacArthur)

**”Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all members have the same function, so in Christ we who are many are one body, and each member belongs to one another. (Romans 12:4-5)**



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# 1 Corinthians 12:12-13



**12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

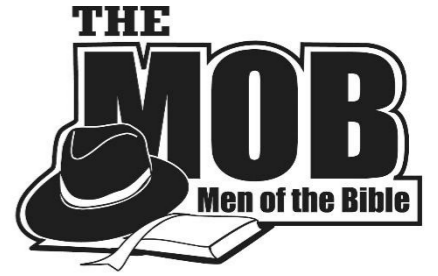
14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

- Compares the human body with the Corinthian Church, the body of Christ, and by extension, Immanuel Bible Church (Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 4:11-13, Colossians 1:18; 2:19)
- “There can be unity in a body without uniformity.” (Constable)
- Stresses the importance of diversity and working toward a common goal
- Pentecost initiated “Spirit” baptism (Acts 1:5; 2:33; 11:16)
- Today, people “...experience Spirit baptism when they personally trust Christ as their Savior” (Acts 11:15-17; Romans 8:9)



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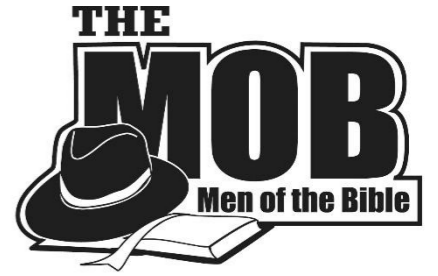
”One of the marks of an individual’s maturity is a growing understanding of, and appreciate for, his own body. There is a **parallel in the spiritual life: as we mature in Christ, we gain a better understanding of the church, which is Christ’s body.** The emphasis in recent years on ‘body life’ has been a good one. It has helped to counteract the wrong emphasis on ‘individual Christianity’ that can lead to isolation from the local church.” (Warren Wiersbe)





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# 1 Corinthians 12:14-20



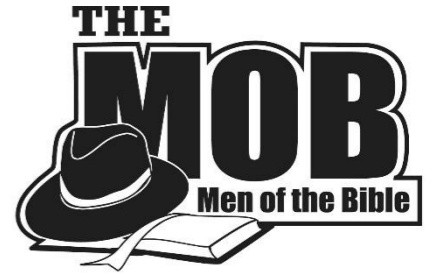
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14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the **foot** should say, “Because I am not a **hand**, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the **ear** should say, “Because I am not an **eye**, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an **eye**, where would be the sense of **hearing**? If the whole body were an **ear**, where would be the sense of **smell**? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?  
20 As it is, there are **many parts, yet one body**.

- “Both bodies, the physical human body and the spiritual body of Christ, consist of “many” members, not just “one part.” This fact helps us to appreciate... we each make a limited contribution to... the church.” (Constable)
- Rebellion by individuals is counterproductive since none can serve the body alone - each need each other
- Verses 15-17 speak of those who don't feel qualified to serve – “they don't need me”
- “Perhaps Paul chose the ”foot,” “hand,” “ear,” and “eye” because of their prominence in the body” (Constable)



# 1 Corinthians 12:15-16



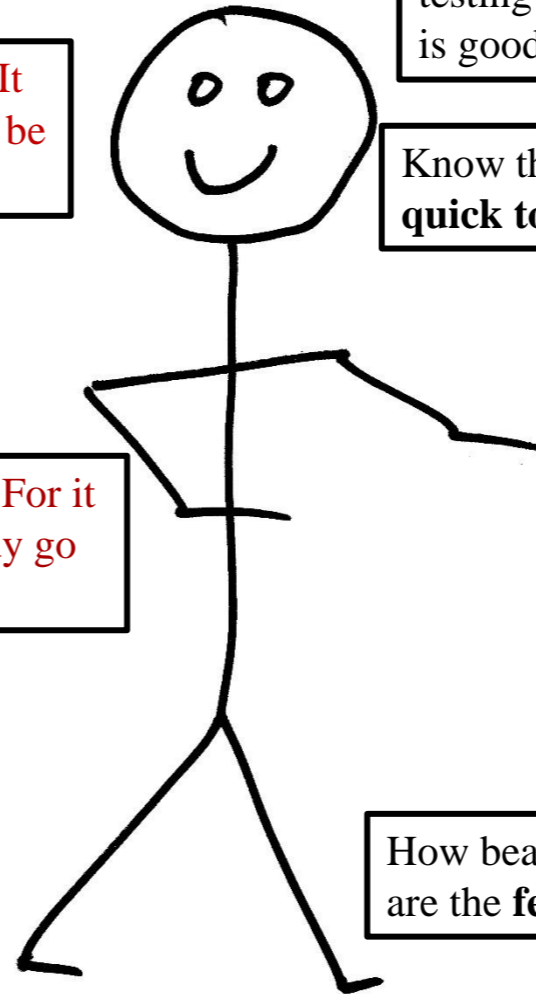
For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but **having itching ears** they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will **turn away from listening to the truth** and wander off into myths. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

And if your **eye** causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with **one eye** than with **two eyes** to be thrown into the hell of fire. (Matthew 18:9)

## Rebellion (sin)

And if your right **hand** causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you **lose one of your members** than that your whole body go into hell. (Matthew 5:30)

And if your **hand** or your **foot** causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with **two hands** or **two feet** to be thrown into the eternal fire. (Matthew 18:8)



Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be **quick to hear**, slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19)

## Repentance

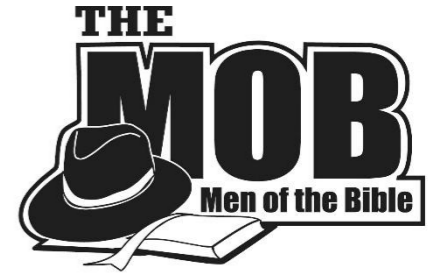
Lift up your **hands** to the holy place and bless the LORD! (Psalm 134:2)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the **feet** of him who brings good news (Isaiah 52:7)



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# 1 Corinthians 12:21-24



21 The **eye cannot say to the hand**, “I have **no need of you**,” nor again the **head to the feet**, “I have **no need of you**.” 22 On the contrary, the **parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable**, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

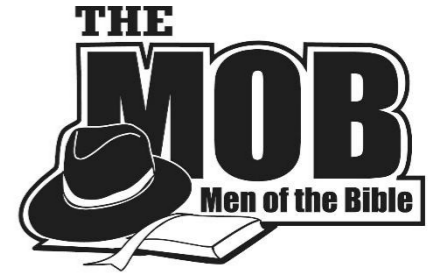
- “Paul continues the theme of oneness, stressing Christians’ mutual dependence on each other and on each other’s callings and gifts.” (MacArthur)
- Verse 21 highlights the independence of some individuals, the proud and qualified, who feel, “I don’t need them”
- “The point is that we take special pains to honor our less esteemed physical members, and we should do the same in the church, rather than neglecting or despising them. When was the last time your church gave public recognition to the nursery workers or cleanup crew?” (Constable)
- God created each of us in His image, both human and spiritual





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# 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

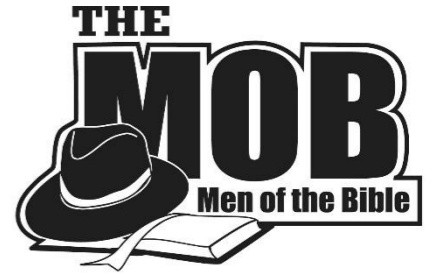


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- Paul knows the serious challenges posed by divisions (dissent) within the Corinthian Church (1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18)
- Jesus warned about division, “**And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.**” (Mark 3:25)
- ... members should have concerned, loving “care for one another.” (Constable)
- “... ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ there is not other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:31)
- “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” (Romans 12:15)
- “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)



# “One Another” in Scripture\*



**Love** one another (John 13:34 – Command occurs at least 16 times)

**Be devoted to** one another (Romans 12:10)

**Honor** one another **above yourselves** (Romans 12:10)

**Live in harmony with** one another (Romans 12:16)

**Build up** one another (Romans 14:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**Be likeminded towards** one another (Romans 15:5)

**Accept** one another (Romans 15:7)

**Admonish** one another (Romans 15:14, Colossians 3:16)

**Greet** one another (Romans 16:16)

**Care for** one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

**Serve** one another (Galatians 5:13)

**Bear** one another’s **burdens** (Galatians 6:2)

**Forgive** one another (Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13)

**Be patient with** one another (Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13)

**Speak the truth** in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25)

**Be kind and compassionate to** one another (Ephesians 4:32)

**Speak to** one another **with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19)

**Submit to** one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)

**Consider** others **better than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3)

**Look to the interests of** one another (Philippians 2:4)

**Bear with** one another (Colossians 3:13)

**Teach** one another (Colossians 3:16)

**Comfort** one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

**Encourage** one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

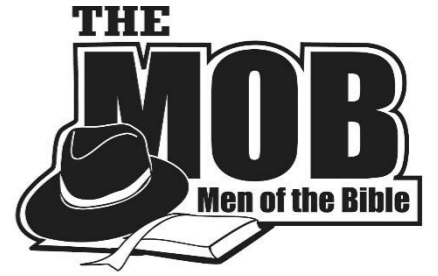
Greek word *allelon* means “one another, each other; mutually, reciprocally.” It is found 100 times in the New Testament with ~59 of those occurrences containing specific commands about how we should interact with other Christians.

\* <https://www.mmlearn.org/hubfs/docs/OneAnotherPassages.pdf>



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# 1 Corinthians 12:27-31



27 Now **you are the body of Christ** and individually members of it. 28 And **God has appointed in the church** first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then **gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues**. 29 Are all **apostles**? Are all **prophets**? Are all **teachers**? Do all work **miracles**? 30 Do all possess gifts of **healing**? Do all speak with **tongues**? Do all **interpret**? 31 But **earnestly desire the higher gifts**.

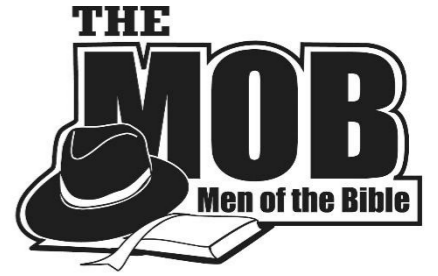
**And I will show you a still more excellent way.**

- “Paul reminded the Corinthian believers that, individually and collectively, they were Christ’s very body, the church for whom he died. They were one in Him and so should be one in each other.” (MacArthur)
- IBC believers are “individually and collectively,” Christ’s body
- Paul reminds the Corinthian’s, and us, of God’s sovereignty over equipping his church – He appoints people to their respective positions and equips them for service
- Verses 30-31 contain a third list of gifts from chapter 12 that stress the importance of variety within the body of Christ
- “Paul advised the Corinthians to “earnestly desire” some gifts more than others, because some are more important in the functioning of the body than others.” (Constable)
- **\*Spoiler Alert\*** “...there is an even more important discipline that a believer should cultivate in order to reach the goal of being maximally effective in the Lord’s service...” (Constable)



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# Discussion Questions

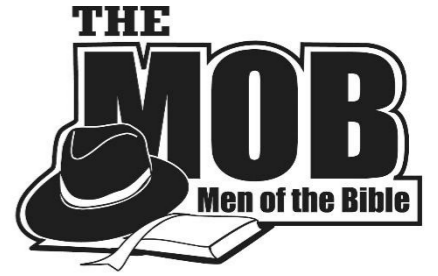


1. How does Paul's metaphor of the human body challenge rugged, individual mindsets within the body of Christ? (Ephesians 4:2-3, Colossians 3:12)
  2. Why does rugged individualism (self-sufficiency) naturally appeal to us? How do solitary (Lone Ranger) Christians, those who do not physically attend church services or activities, challenge the teachings of Scripture?
  3. What is the meaning of the idiom, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts?" How does it apply to the human body? Body of Christ?
  4. Why does Paul repeatedly stress the importance of diversity within the church of Corinth?
  5. What can we do to promote diversity in Immanuel Bible Church? Where might God be calling you to serve in IBC? MOB?
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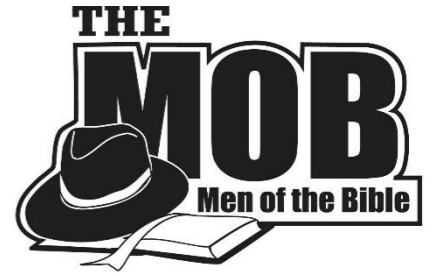


6. How might the “*one another*” passages of Scripture promote oneness within the church? (John 13:34, Romans 12:10, Romans 12:16, Romans 14:19, Romans 15:5)
  7. In verses 21-22, why are the parts of the body that seem the weakest, those that are indispensable?
  8. How are commanded to treat the weak and vulnerable - the widow, orphan, and fatherless? (Exodus 22:22, Psalm 82:3, Isaiah 1:17, Jeremiah 7:6, James 1:27)
  9. What does it mean for you personally to be a part of the body of Christ?
  10. What practical measures can we take to ensure everyone in our community feels valued and significant?
  11. How can we apply the teaching in this section to our work environments? Family?
  12. For men, why is being asked to serve in the church so important?
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# Our Study of 1 Corinthians



## Tonight:

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (One Body with Many Members)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:26
- Refreshment Host: E

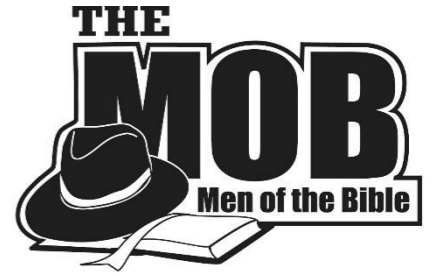
## Next Week:

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (The Way of Love)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:2
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on 1 Corinthians, 2024 Edition, pp. 253-266; MacArthur New Testament Commentary, pp. 327-367*
- Refreshment Host: Group F



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# 1 Corinthians



- **Benediction**
- **Dismissed to small groups**