



We Have a Surprise Gift for You

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 12

When my daughters were young, one of the Saturday morning shows they watched was Power Rangers. Five ordinary teenagers with different powers would combine their skills to create one giant, crime-fighting robot. Nothing could stop them when they worked together with their powers combined! (Little known fact – the silver Power Ranger came to youth group when I was student pastor at FBC.)

Those who are part of First Baptist are not all that different! In verse 12, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christ-followers that they are each individually part of a bigger body – with Jesus Christ as the head. Some of the members at First Baptist Corinth began to believe they were more important or more gifted than others. Jealousy and pride was infecting the entire church.

Paul tells us that we are each unique and gifted individuals, we are also part of a greater spiritual body that Jesus is building up – His church. Where one is gifted in administration, another is gifted at service. When one excels at teaching, another may have the gift of mercy, serving those who are hurting.

The Church of God is beautifully built to include everyone. No one person is more important or necessary than another. When we understand this principle, we can see how truly incredible it is that we are invited to be part of God's kingdom!

What is your gift? What is your skill? How can you use that today to combine with others in your church and community to change the world for Jesus Christ?

For more information about spiritual gifts and a gift assessment go online:
<https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>

PRAYER: Father, may we find our place in the body and work together like in heaven.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 13

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