

1 CORINTHIANS  
SERIES  
CHAPTER 12: 1-31

# REALife Application

## Different and Unified

The Church is comprised of different gifts reflecting the roles within the Trinity.

Content over expression.

Giver over gift

The Church is unified in its' diversity.

On Body - Many Parts

Different functions - Equal Value

Application:

1. What part are you?
2. Are you strengthening the unity?
3. Are you forming or deforming the Church?

\* *Twentieth* message in the 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians series, by Pastor Tim Hawks. CDs of this message (09/14/08) may be purchased at the Media Center or listened to online at [www.hcbc.com](http://www.hcbc.com).

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. When it comes to spiritual gifts, some believers struggle with gift envy, gift pride, or gift neglect. How should the recognition of the Spirit as the source of our gifts help these problems?
2. Some believers argue that the spiritual gifts were given for personal edification as opposed to the edification of the entire body. How does 1 Cor. 12:7 address this question?
3. Summarize Paul's use of the anatomy analogy to describe both diversity and unity in the body. How could this same truth be illustrated by symphony musicians?
4. Have you discovered your spiritual gifts and your role in the Church? How have you been able to move the Body of Christ to health and strength?



### Memory Verse

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Cor 12:1-31