

## How We Serve – Gifts, Part 2

1 Corinthians 12:4-26

Because our personality and talents are gifts (graces) to us from God, it is therefore true that we \_\_\_\_\_ meaning and purpose in life as we use them in a way that truly glorifies Him!

- (1) God, not by our efforts or choosing but by His will alone, gave us the ability to be \_\_\_\_\_ at certain things. - (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
- (2) The Body of Christ is not divided up according to who has what gift, but rather there is simply the Body of Christ (The \_\_\_\_\_). Therefore, no matter how significant or seemingly insignificant one may consider their function in the body to be, they are still just as much a part of The Body as everybody else! (12:12-26)

### Challenge:

- (1) Are you defining your \_\_\_\_\_ by the gifts God has given you or by the calling God has on you to be His child? Are you serving the local church by helping others grow in Christ or busy trying to find a platform for your gift to shine?
- (2) Are you waiting around for an opportunity to do something you feel gifted at while passing up on the opportunity to live out the highest and most important gift of all in the body and in your community (\_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Corinthians 13!)?