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Membership and Body

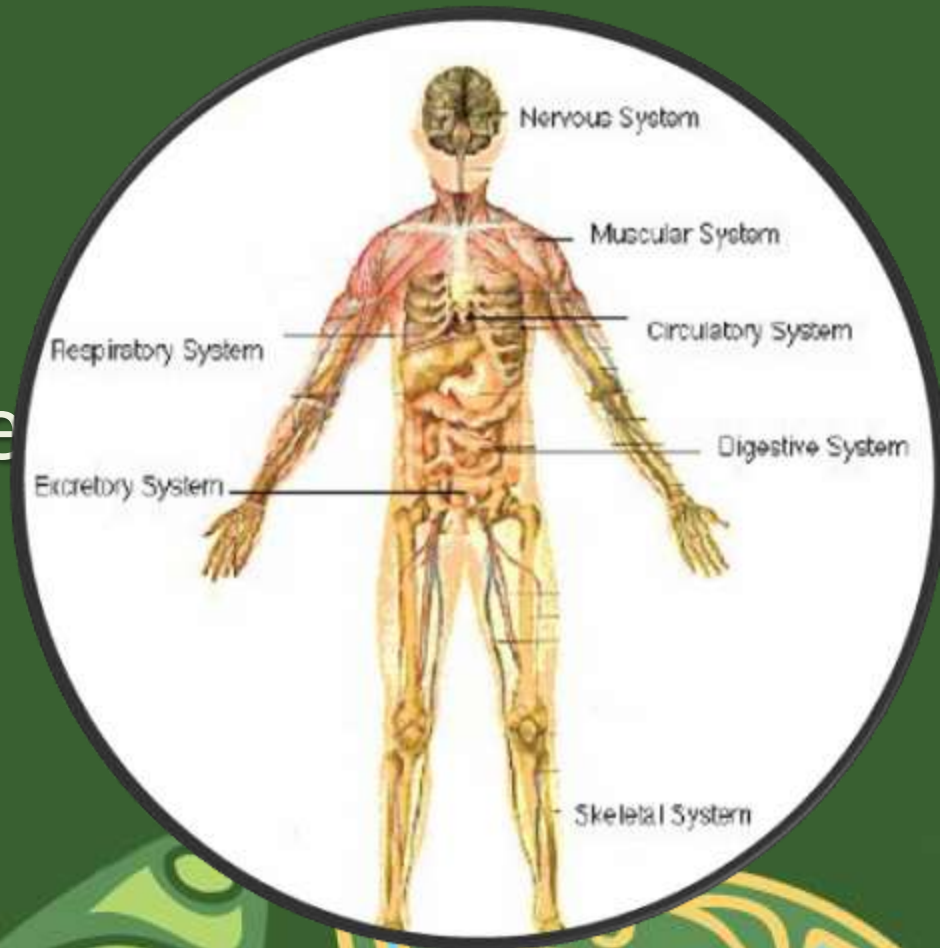
Spiritual Gifts and Abilities



# Membership and Body

1 Corinthians 12:12

The body is a unit,  
though it is made up  
of many parts; and  
though all its parts are  
many, they form one  
body. So it is with  
Christ.



# Membership and the Body

## Our view of Church membership is askew



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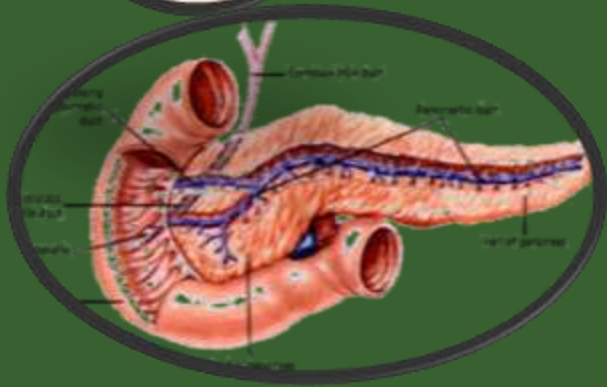
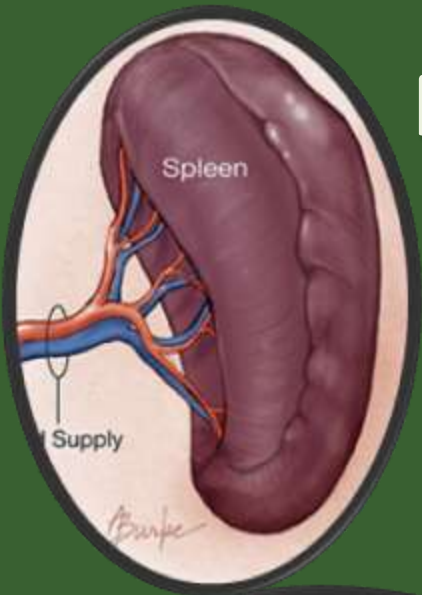
You are a spleen

A pancreas

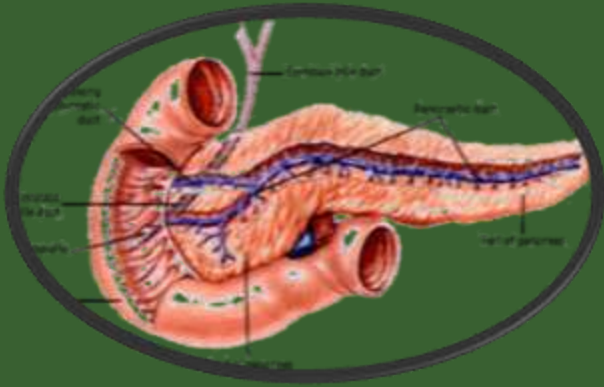
A womb

A nose

A finger



# Membership and the Body



Can a pancreas scratch my nose?



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Exodus 17:11-13 (NASB)

So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.



# Membership and the Body

Why come to  
church?





# Membership and the Body

“How true membership in a body ...may be seen in the structure of a family. The grandfather, the parents, the grown-up son, the child, the dog, and the cat are true members (in the organic sense)... They are not interchangeable. Each person is almost a species in himself... . If you subtract any one member, you have not simply reduced the family in number; you have inflicted an injury on its structure.”



# Spiritual Gifts and Abilities



# Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

## Abilities you are Born with.

Singing – Speaking – Details –  
Leaders – Teachers – Fix things –  
Good with numbers – The Arts

Spiritual gifts you are born again  
with. . .



# Spiritual Gifts vs Abilities



# Spiritual Gifts vs Abilities

## Jim Fenske and Pastor Gauch



# Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.



# Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

## Ephesians 4:12

for the equipping of the saints  
for the work of service, to the  
building up of the body of  
Christ;



Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

Ephesians 4:12

Equipping = Perfectly  
joined together.





# Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

Spiritual gifts build up and benefit the Body of Christ.

*What tears down the body?*



## Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

Spiritual gifts diminish the effects of sin on and in the lives of people.



Spiritual Gifts and Abilities

Think of sin as cancer...



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*Creation*





# Spiritual Gifts and Love



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What are my spiritual gifts?

- Passion
- What can I do
- Talk to others



# Spiritual Gifts and Love

People who have the greatest impact do not focus so much on the gifts, but on the giver.



# Spiritual Gifts and Love

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-3


If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.



# Spiritual Gifts and Love

Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB)

"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you;.'

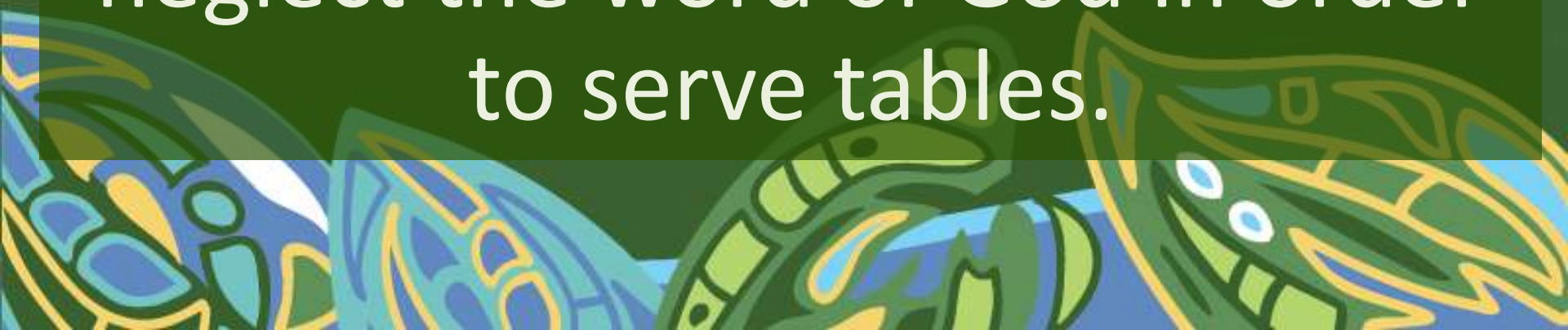


# Spiritual Gifts and Love

You and God.

Acts 6:2

So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.



# Spiritual Gifts and Love

## You and Others

