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Sermon Notes for January 18th, 2026

"The One Thing"

"Hitting on All Cylinders"

Sermon Text: **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 28:6-9**; New Testament Text: **Philippians 2:1-11**.

Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (below)**, then answer the questions below.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31: 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. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If 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? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The 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." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 12:12**. What is the apostle Paul saying about the church (the body of Christ) in this verse?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 12:13**. How could this verse be rewritten so it demonstrated we were baptized into one body along with every other church in town?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:14-17**. How might these verses speak about individual attitudes within the church?
4. How might these verses speak about denominational attitudes within the body of Christ?

5. Read **1 Corinthians 12:18-20**. What truth is Paul trying to instill in the Corinthians through these verses?
6. Read **1 Corinthians 12:21-25**. What is Paul trying desperately to communicate to every member of the body of Christ?
7. What do you call a human body in which certain parts no longer function as God intended them to?
8. What do you call a church in which certain members no longer function as God intended them to?
9. Read **1 Corinthians 12:26**. How should this verse be lived out in every church and in the Church Universal?
10. Read **1 Corinthians 12:27**. If we understand this verse, what is Paul telling us?
11. Read **1 Corinthians 12:28**. What is Paul trying to communicate to the Church in this passage?
12. Read **1 Corinthians 12:29-30**. What is the answer to every question Paul asks in these two verses?
13. Read **1 Corinthians 12:31**. What is the highest gift that God gives to His people?

