

becoming a CATALYST

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So, it is with the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12



What is one practical skill you possess that might surprise people? It could be something useful, unusual, or completely pointless!

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.** Paul talks about different gifts; different kinds of service and different ways God works. Why do you think God intentionally makes and gifts us differently?
 - Paul says that spiritual gifts are given for us to help each other, how should this shift the way we think about the purpose of our gifts and abilities?
 - How does this help shift your thinking to “what can I contribute?”
2. When we read **Exodus 35:20-29** the above is emphasised. People brought different skills, time, resources and possessions – what has God “put in your hands” that you can contribute to what He is doing?
 - When we look at this text, some items given by wealthy people and some basic items given by ordinary people are mentioned – and all are valued, how should this change the idea that some gifts are too small or too insignificant for God’s larger purpose?
3. Read **Romans 12:6-8.** Paul lists several gifts, many of which are not public or platform-based. Which of these gifts do you see most clearly operating in everyday church life?

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.** The Church is compared to a body with many parts – why is diversity essential for a healthy Church?
- There is an emphasis on the “weaker parts” being necessary – when have you underestimated a person's contribution and later realised how important it was?
 - What roles that are not “up front” can you name that are essential to the life & health of the Church?
5. In **Ephesians 2:10** it is clear we are shaped and recreated for good works – how do your personality, ability and experiences, even the difficult or bad things you have experienced, potentially become part of what God can use?
- Have you ever found yourself noticing a recurring problem or need – how can you discern if God is inviting you to be part of the solution for this situation?
 - “Sometimes you find your part by trying something.” Instead of waiting until you perfectly understand your gifting or purpose, where could you simply step in?
 - What is one thing you could try, one conversation you could have, or one need you could help meet?

Are you all in?

- It's easy to think church is something a handful of gifted people provide while everybody else consumes.
- Different people. Different personalities. Different abilities. Different experiences. Different gifts. Same mission.
- What has God already put in my hands?
What am I good at?
What need do I keep noticing?
Where could I help?

Spend some time praying:

- Eyes to notice what God has already put in our hands and the needs He keeps putting in front of us.
 - Courage to step in rather than waiting until we have everything figured out.
 - Appreciation for unseen people whose faithful contribution strengthens the church and community.
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