

One Body, Many Members
1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 14-27

MOM: Ministry Opportunity Month

Opportunity: An invitation to fulfill Our Lord's command.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”
–1 Peter 4:10

Opportunity—we do not realize how special we are to God.

1. Complexity in Unity

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
--1 Corinthians 12:7

*“different kinds of gifts....different kinds of service...
...different kinds of working....”*
--1 Corinthians 12:4-6

We are individually wonderfully complex. --Psalm 139:13-18.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
–Psalm 139:14

Why all these ministries?

The church is a body, an organism made up of wonderfully unique and complex members.

2. Diversity in Unity

“As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”
--1 Corinthians 12:20

Diversity vs. Unity Caution: Gift Projection 1 Corinthians 12:14-19

- ❖ Every gift is needed.
- ❖ Your particular contribution makes us complete.
- ❖ Diversity makes the body of Jesus complete.

3. **Individuality** in Unity vs. 25-27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. –1 Corinthians 12:27

Individuality vs. Unity Caution: Gift **Pre-eminence**.

- ❖ Your gift is as **important** as any other gift.
- ❖ No one gift is more important than the **whole**.
- ❖ **All heaven** sees when you use your gift and particular talents.

MOM is an opportunity for you:

To be **counted**.

To **touch** someone else's life.

Conclusion:

Who is needed at Oakland? **You** are.

What is important at Oakland? **Your** ministry contribution.

What makes Oakland complete? **Your** unique and wonderful complexity.

MOM is not about filling ministry needs.

We want to be like Jesus:

- ❖ **Complete**
- ❖ **Entire**
- ❖ **Lacking nothing**

Without your contribution, something is **missing**.

Questions to prayerfully ponder:

Am I God's creation?

You are unique and special to God.

Am I a Christian?

If so, God has gifted you with Spiritual Gifts, at least one.

Is Oakland my church?

Then your contribution is needed to make Oakland what God intends us to be.

Mother's Day, May 14, M.O.M. (Ministry Opportunity Month) Ministry Fair

Memory Verse:

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