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## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

### "Understanding The Body Of Christ "

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1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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Introduction: We have come to that section of 1 Corinthians where Paul is focusing on the spiritual gifts (chapters 12-14).

1. It was another problematic area in the church of Corinth.
2. He opened this section with an overview of the gifts.
3. In today's text, he explains how the gifts enable the body of Christ to fulfill her mission.
4. When we follow God's design for the church, we become a church He can use to impact the world.
5. Paul describes that design using the human body as an example.

#### I. A Picture Of The Church

##### A. Spiritual Formation

##### B. Interdependency

#### II. The Function Of The Church

##### A. Protect Unity

##### B. Compassionate Care

##### C. Exercising Your Gifts

Conclusion: Paul has much more to say about spiritual gifts, but we have enough information to do some self-evaluation.

1. God's design is to get the right people in the right places for the right reasons so His church can thrive.
2. To get there, we must understand passion, giftedness and personal traits.
3. When you serve in sync with God's design, you will be fruitful and fulfilled.
4. Can we help you discover that design?