

Stay Together
1 Corinthians 12:4-14

The greatest achievements are almost always accomplished by teams of _____ people with different gifts and abilities working _____. But for a diverse team to come together in unity, it needs a _____. The Bible says that the _____ is ours.

The main point of the text is expressed in the repetitive phrase “the _____.” The church at Corinth was a blessed church. It had had many great _____ as well as had many gifted and talented _____. But _____ had racked the church.

The disunity the Corinthian church faced was not caused because the members were not _____ believers or _____ people. Nor was it their _____ of gifts. If so, Paul would have told them to split up and form multiple churches. Then everyone would be _____ in their own little groups. But how _____ they would be with no diversity. Comfortable but impotent.

It would be like the eye in the human body saying to the ear, “you can’t see like I can, so I don’t _____ you. Go away!” If the whole body were an _____, where would the sense of _____ be?

Their diversity was their _____, not their problem. But their diversity exposed their real problem. They were not following the lead of the Holy Spirit—their _____, their _____.

In 1 Cor. 3, Paul didn’t say their problem was their diversity. He said it was that they were “_____,” – not listening to or being led by the Spirit. If they were being led by the Spirit, they would be _____, not dividing. In another place, Paul wrote, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the _____.” The Holy Spirit is our unifier. If we are staying in step with Him, even with many differences of age, gift, or ways of thinking, we will experience unity and with it, the power to _____ the gates of Hell.

The Spirit still calls to us, “Whatever comes out of the gate, stay _____.” Those who ignore the Spirit’s plea _____ the mission. Those who are led by the Spirit hear and heed and _____!