****March 19, 2017**

**People Get Ready– Part 5**

*(Body Conscious: playing your part)*

**1 Corinthians 12:27**

*Now you are the* ***body*** *of Christ, and members individually.*

**The ‘Body’**

*Diversity and different body parts / interdependence / function*

Some hidden, others are not, yet all connected and needful of each other.

**Functioning as a body: Ephesians 4:17**

**Multiplying effectiveness through delegation** **Acts 6:1-7**

Substance & Structure: (glass of water)

Diversity (being different) is a good thing: celebrate differences.

-We are ‘sons’ by birth: (rights) **and** ‘servants’ by choice: (responsibilities.)

-Help **others** fulfil their calling.

-What do you see?

Pray it in / Get involved / Be a helper: go beyond mere observation.

**Serving others in the body**:

*The little kid said to her mom, (who was the pastor’s wife): ‘Why are we here every Sunday?’ ‘To serve others,’ was the answer. The little girl thought for a moment, then asked: ‘What are others here for?’*

1. Getting in **shape** when you serve:

S – Spiritual gifting (what God has to you for His purposes)

H – Heart motivation (what drives you)

A – Abilities (what you are naturally good at)

P – Personality (Whether you are outgoing or not)

E – Experiences (What you’ve gone through in family, education, etc)

1. Helping each other when things get ‘heavy’. **Galatians 6:2**

**Final Take Away & Communion**

*A wonderful example of the body functioning*

*to strengthen one another*

**James 5:14-15**

Healing **and** forgiveness are lumped together in one bundle.

**Notes**

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