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"ONE BODY AND MANY MEMBERS"

(1 Corinthians 12:12 - 27)

INTRODUCTION - (Rms. 12:5) "we who are many, are 1 body in Christ, members 1 of another"

(1 Cor. 12:27) "Now ye are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it"
(1 Corinthians 12:12-27) gives at least 4 lessons on "body-life:"

1. (1 Cor. 12:14) "For the body is not one member, but many"

(v15-19) "If the foot ... hand ... ear ... eye ... all one member, where were the body?"
If all are the same member, the body wouldn't work efficiently; wouldn't work at all.

2. (v20) "But now are they many members, yet but one body"

"One" - a single thing or unit; not two or more; solitary; without others.
"Body" - (Eph. 2:22-23 and Col. 1:18) "... the church"
(v4-6) "... differences ... same Spirit ... Lord ... God which works all in all"
(Eph. 4:3-4) "... There is one body"

3. (v21) "And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you:
nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you"

Everyone Is Needed article: Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works wxll
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It is trux that thxrx arx forty-thrxkx kxys that function wxll xnough,
but just onx makxs a diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our organization is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr --
not all thx pxoplx arx working propxrly.

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program." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx, bxcausx any program, to bx xffxctivx,
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So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not
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in our organization, and I am nxxdxd vxry much. Any timx I don't work right,
IT SURX MAKXS A DIFFXRXNCX!"

(v22) "much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary"

(Romans 12:3, v6-8)

4. (v25) "That there should be no schism (division) in the body ..."