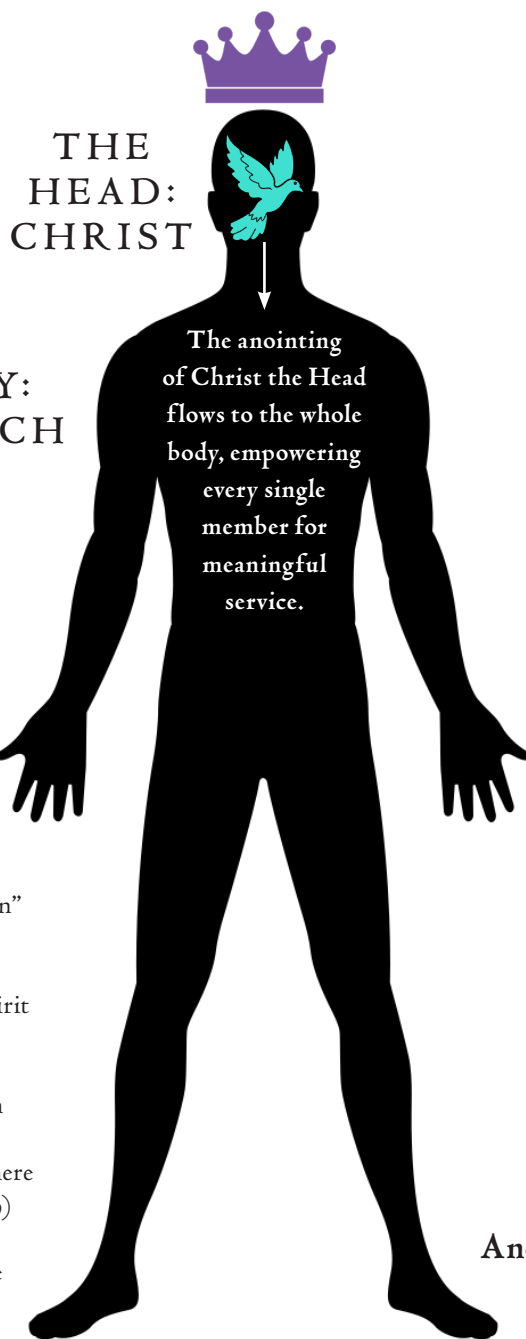


“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is **the head**, into Christ, from whom **the whole body**, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when **each part** is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” (Eph. 4:12–16)



THE BODY:
THE CHURCH

THE MANY
MEMBERS (PARTS)
OF THE BODY:
INDIVIDUAL
CHRISTIANS

“As in **one body** we have **many members**, and the members do not all have the same function” (Rom. 12:4).

“To **each** is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the **common good**.” (1 Cor. 12:7)

“God arranged the members in the body, **each one of them**, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are **many parts**, yet **one body**.” (1 Cor. 12:18–19)

“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to **each one** individually as he wills.” (1 Cor. 12:11)

EXAMPLE GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:8–10

Romans 12:6–8

- Service or helps
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Giving
- Leadership or administration
- Mercy
- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Faith
- Discernment
- Evangelism
- Prophecy
- Tongues or languages
- Interpretation of tongues
- Healing or miracles
- Apostleship

You:
A “hand”

Both spiritually gifted
Different functions
Both important
Don’t compare yourself
Don’t try to outdo one another
Cooperate
Don’t think that you don’t belong because you’re different

Another member:
A “foot”

The goal of a body part is not to stand out—it’s to be a healthy, functioning member of a body which is greater than the sum of its parts. As a member of Christ’s church, humble cooperation, mutual service, and loving interdependence matter more than personal achievement.

