



# BODY PAINS

## Part 2

1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-31



MANY GIFTS, **ONE SPIRIT**

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

(1 Corinthians 12)

# MINDSETS

Insignificance



Independence





# SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

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21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'

(1 Corinthians 12)







## 1 CORINTHIANS 12

28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12

22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it,



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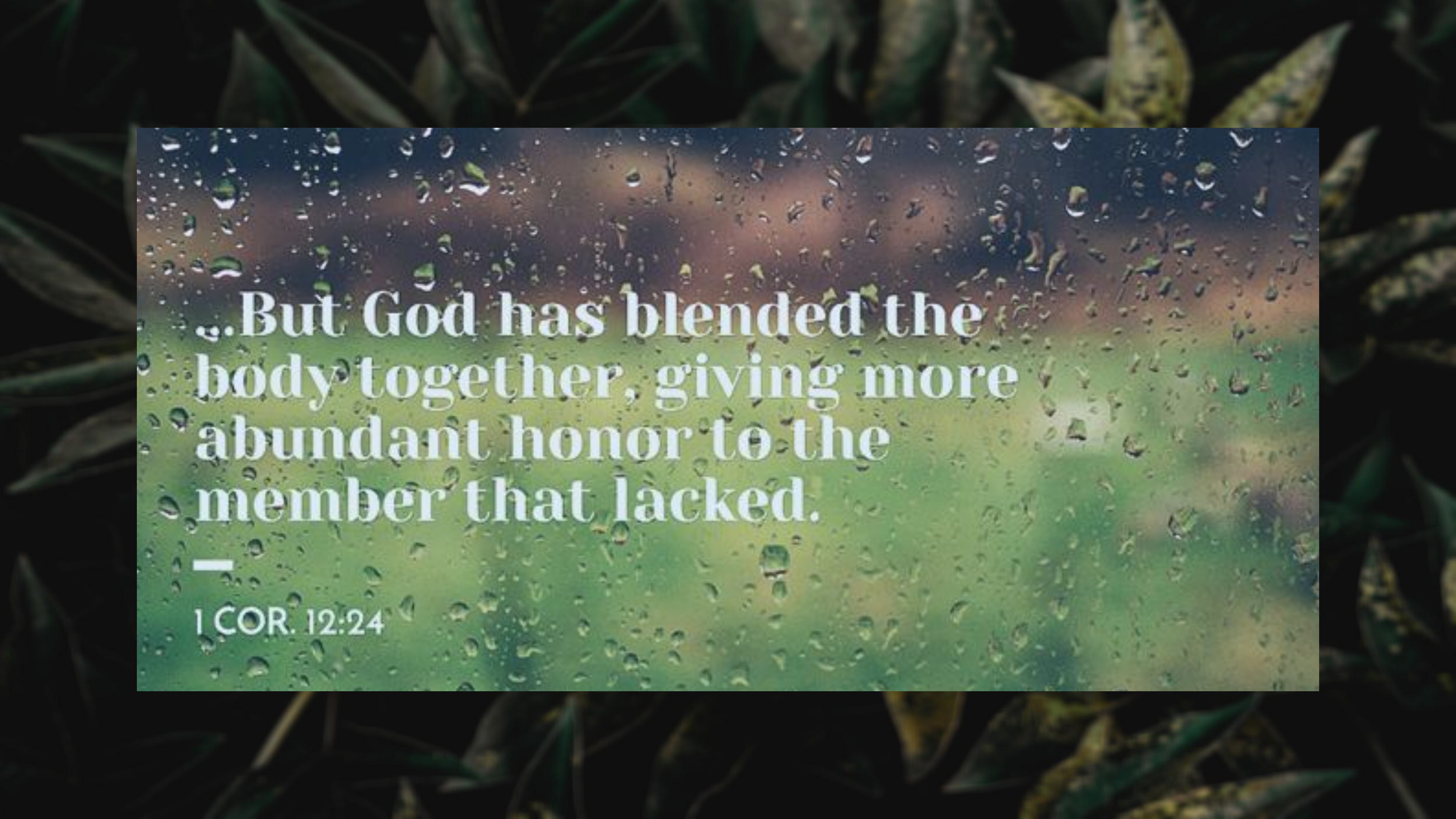
The body illustrates what he is teaching. Those members of the body which are of the least importance are those to which we devote the most attention and effort. We paint our toenails, put rings on our ears (men, too!) and noses! We put rings and jewelry on our fingers. But the truth is we can live without ears (or hearing), eyes (or seeing), fingers, hands, legs, toes. The least needed members of our body are the ones which are most visible and to which the most “glory” is given. And yet, they are the lesser gifts. Those gifts which are most visible, most vocal, most glorified in the Corinthian church are, in reality, the least important gifts. These Corinthians have been storing up sand in their safety deposit

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**As the body illustrates, just the reverse is also true. The most important gifts, like the most important organs, are those which are not visible or spectacular, those of which we are the least conscious. You cannot see my spleen, my kidneys, my liver, or my heart, but I cannot live without them. They do not get a lot of attention. I have never seen “pancreas powder” or “heart highlighter.” I do not have to glorify these organs. They do not need any compensation. They are, in truth, the most vital members of my body, whether I see them or not and whether others value them or not.**



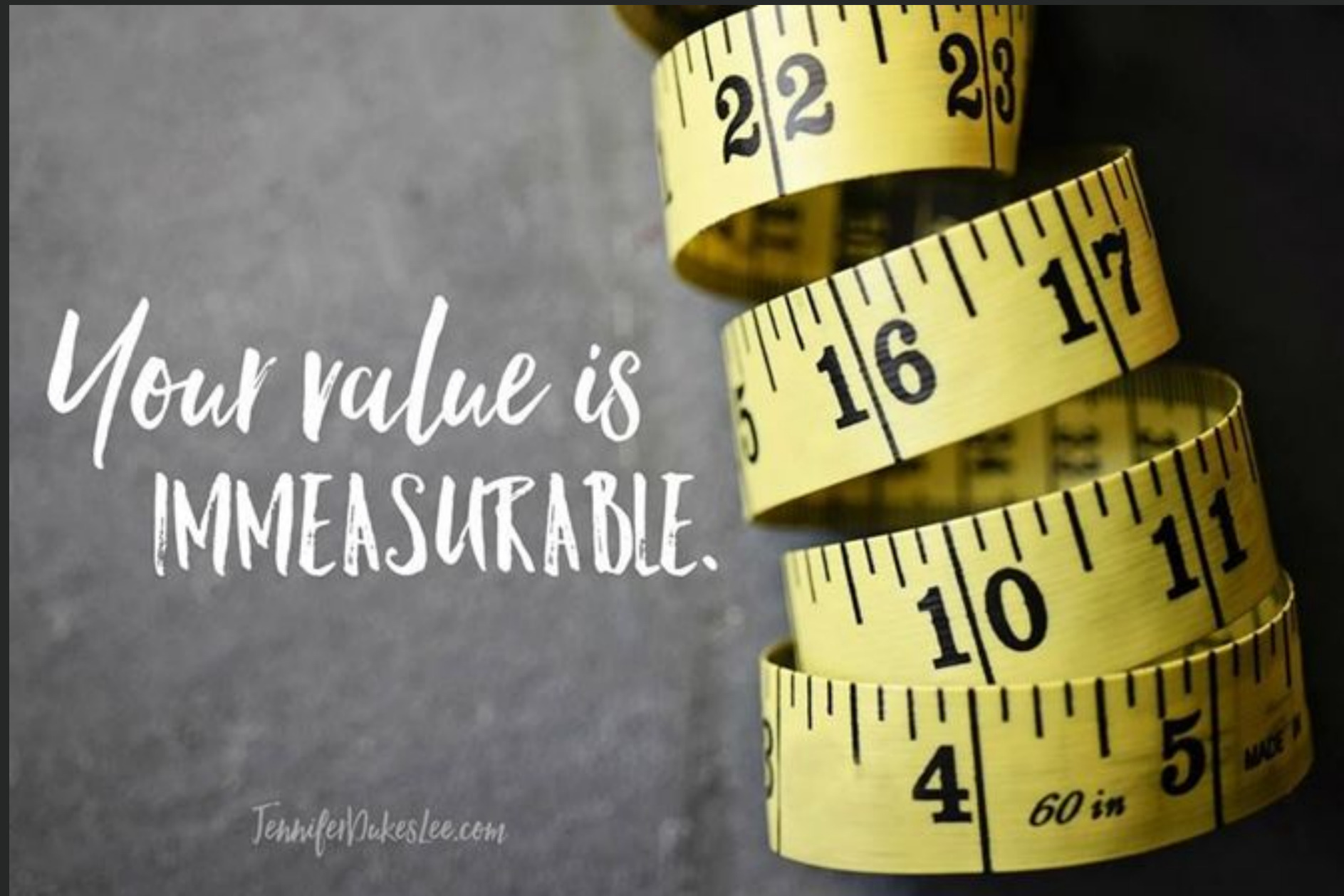




..But God has blended the  
body together, giving more  
abundant honor to the  
member that lacked.

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1 COR. 12:24





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# INTERDEPENDENCE

**But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.**

INTERDEPENDENCE

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# THE HUMAN BODY





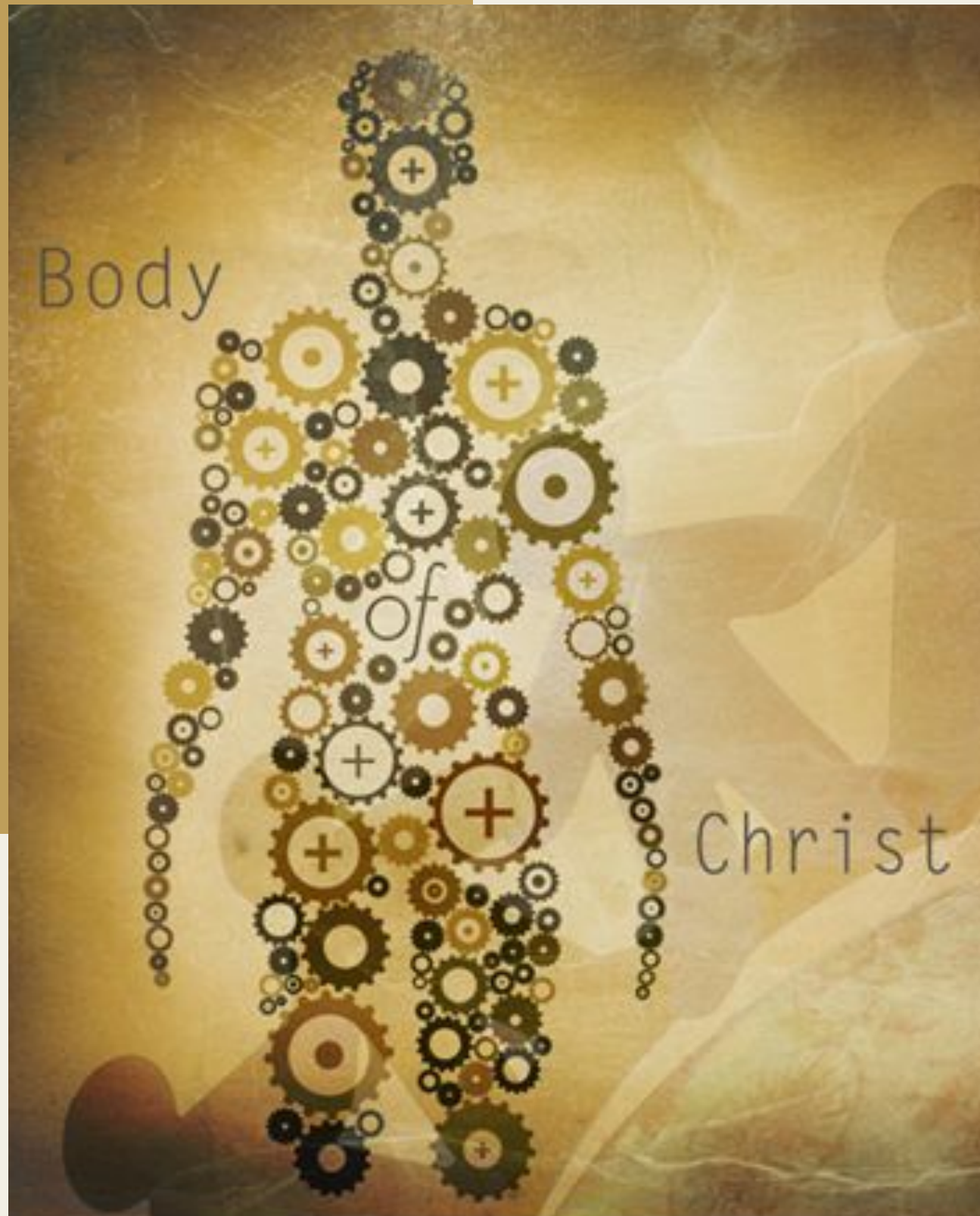
The background of the entire image is a close-up photograph of various succulent plants, likely Sedum or similar, with thick, fleshy, green leaves. The plants are densely packed, creating a textured, layered appearance. The lighting is soft, highlighting the natural colors and shapes of the foliage.

If one member  
**SUFFERS**  
*all suffer together.*

If one member is  
**honored**  
*all rejoice together.*

**EQUAL CONCERN FOR  
EACH OTHER**






# UNITY IN DIVERSITY

**27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?**



A background image of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, with some flowers in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. The overall color palette is soft pinks and light reds.

*But earnestly  
desire the higher  
gifts. And I will  
show you a still  
more excellent way.*

*1 Corinthians 12:31*





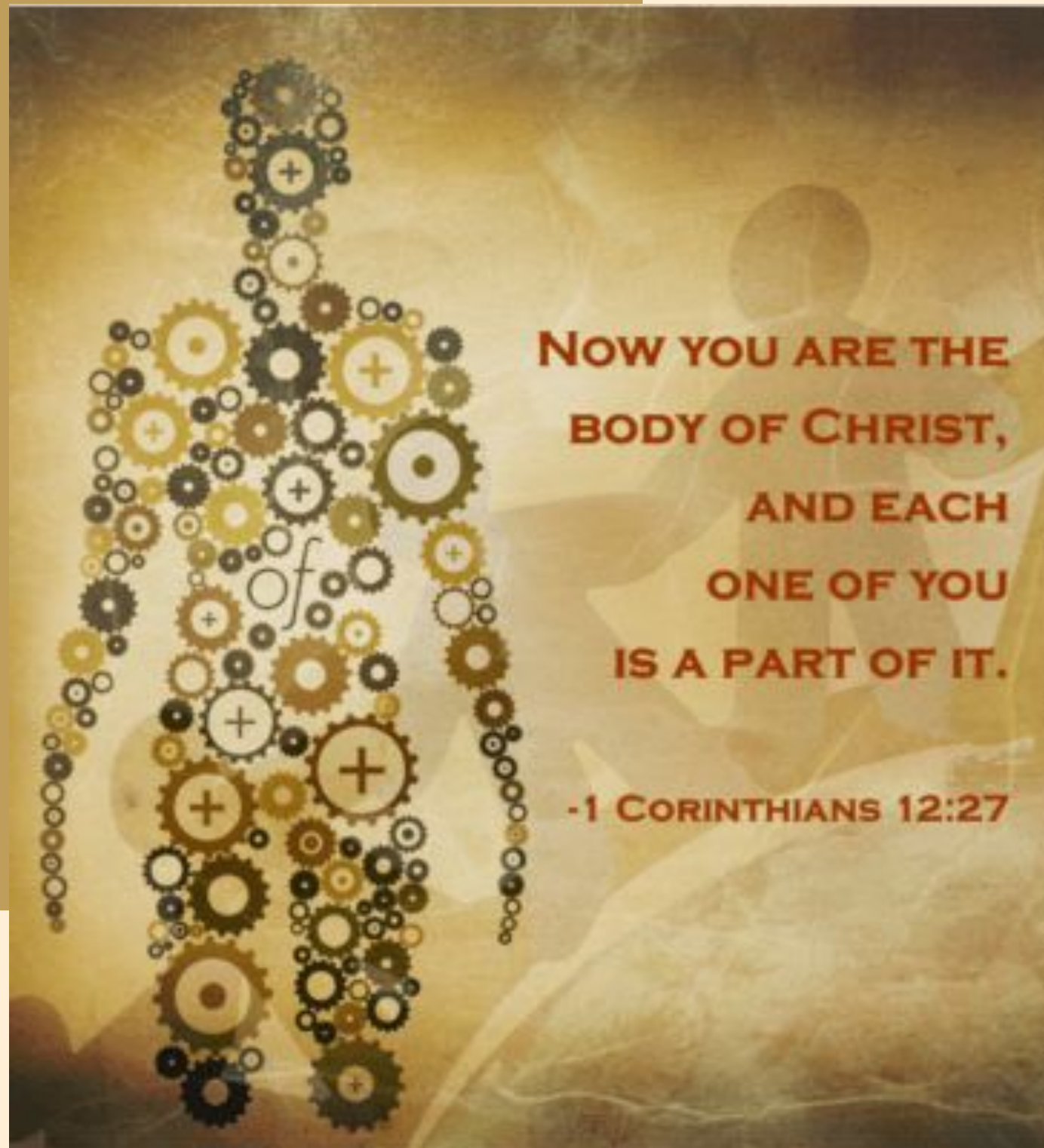
# The Way of Love

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31



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Diversity is necessary for unity, and unity gives diversity purpose. Each of us is different and therefore special, but in our uniqueness, we are part of something. We are part of something and therefore belong, but in belonging to something, our uniqueness is essential. Your uniqueness is designed to fit in. Furthermore, it is designed to be effective. Because you are different, you may think you are not supposed to do anything. On the contrary, because you are different, you are supposed to do something. The body of Christ needs your uniqueness.





# YOU ARE NEEDED!








# The Carpenter's Tools





Each  
of you should use whatever gift  
you have received  
to serve others,  
as faithful stewards  
of God's grace in  
its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10