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1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Believers have two main responsibilities—to love God and to love people (Matt. 22:37-40). This is often done by serving. Where and how we serve is based upon our unique talents, skills, and calling, but the one place where we're all expected to give of ourselves is the local church.

When you trusted Jesus as Savior, the Lord baptized you by the Holy Spirit into His church—the body of believers living all over the world but united by faith in Jesus Christ. You then chose, according to the will of God, to become part of a local, autonomous group of believers. He placed you there because He knows that you are needed (1 Cor. 12:18). You are significant to your home church.

The church is more than a community. It's an interdependent body with individual members created by God to function in communion with one another. We Christians, like the world at large, are a diverse group of people, and we have to strive hard for unity. But our differences are actually something to be celebrated—each person uniquely contributes to God's purpose. A church truly operating as a unit, with all its varied gifts, talents, personalities, and intellects focused toward kingdom goals, must be a beautiful sight to the Lord.

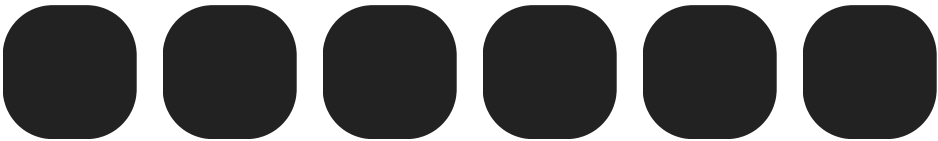
Christianity is not a spectator religion. We all have jobs to do in God's kingdom. The body of Christ functions most beautifully when all members resolve to serve God and each other to the

best of their abilities (1 Cor. 12:25). What are you doing for your church?

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