

“Fearfully And Wonderfully Made”

God saw my unformed substance (Psalm 139:16)

God formed our inward parts (Psalm 139:12)

God knit me in my Mother’s womb (Psalm 139:12)

God has intricately woven us (Psalm 139:15)

HOMEOSTASIS



Homeostasis: Optimal Functioning

Body Temperature

Fluid Balance

Sugar Levels

Blood Pressure

Organ Functions

Iron Or Potassium Levels

Neurological

Respiratory

A top-down view of several people's hands and forearms clasped together in a circle on a light-colored wooden floor. The hands are of various skin tones, including dark brown, light brown, and fair. Some individuals are wearing accessories like a black watch, a silver watch, a black wristband, a ring, and a beaded bracelet. The overall scene conveys a sense of unity and community.

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1 Corinthians 12:12-16

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

1 Corinthians 12:17-22

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, 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. 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." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.

1 Corinthians 12:23-26

And on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

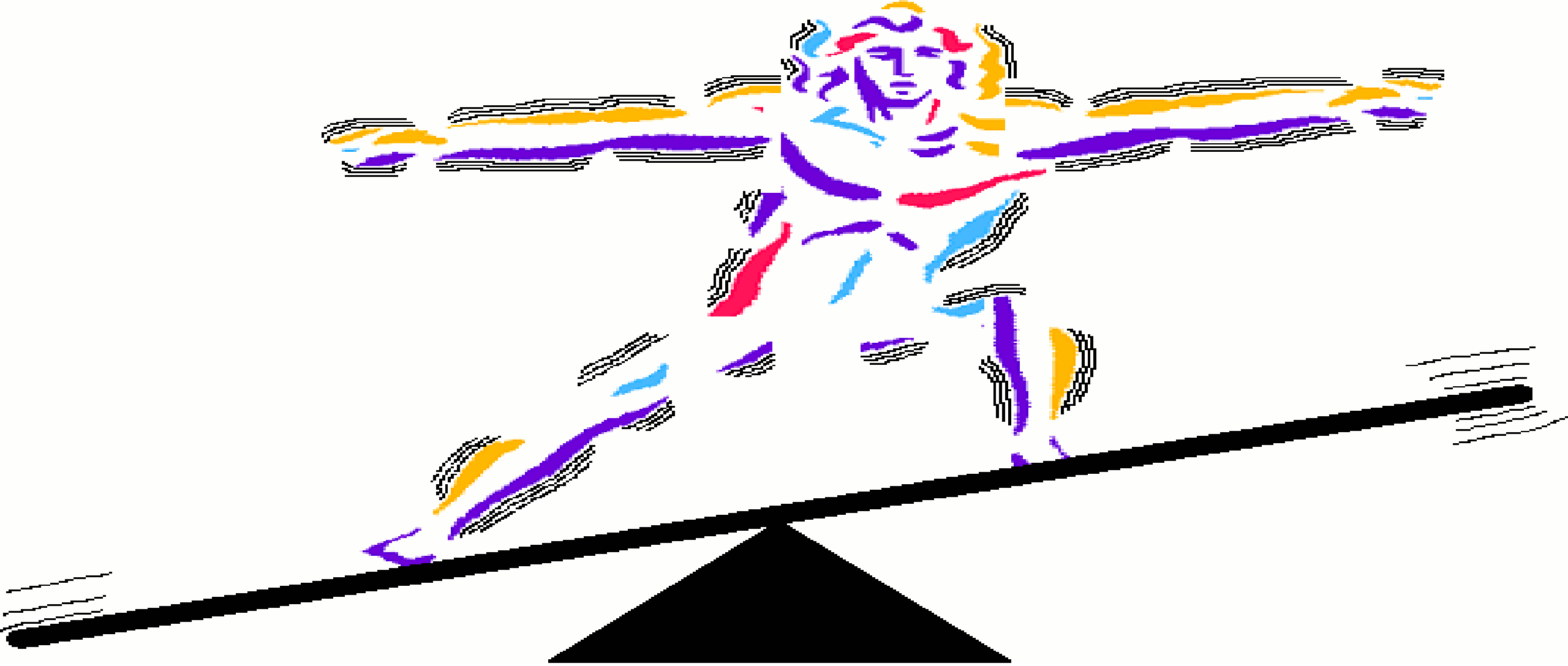
1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

“More Excellent Way”

- 1. Background For Future Messages**
- 2. Understand The Format Of Messages**



Weight

Diet

Exercise

Fluids

I. More Excellent Way Context

A. The Meaning

Hyperbole – Surpassing or Excellency

I Corinthians 13; I Peter 4:8; Colossians 3:14

B. The Necessity

1. Spiritual Gifts (I Corinthians 12:31; 14:1, 12)
2. Partisanship (I Corinthians 1:10)
3. Boasting (I Corinthians 1:31)
4. Jealousy (I Corinthians 3:3)
5. Immorality (I Corinthians 5:1)
6. Law Suits (I Corinthians 6:1)

B. The Necessity

7. Divorce & Remarriage (I Corinthians 7:10-11)
8. Weaker Brother (I Corinthians 8:9)
9. Communion (I Corinthians 11:21)
10. Doctrinal (I Corinthians 15:12)
11. Fellowship (I Corinthians 15:33)

“More Excellent Way”



II. More Excellent Way Conduct

“Few chapters in the Bible have suffered more misinterpretations and misapplication than 1 Corinthians 13. Divorced from its context, it becomes a hymn to love or a sentimental sermon on Christian brotherhood. Many people fail to see that Paul was still dealing with the Corinthians’ problems when he wrote these words” (Warren Wiersbe).

Love Is...

- 1. Part Of The Two Greatest Commandments**
- 2. A Communicable Attribute Of God**
- 3. A Fruit Of The Spirit**

1 Corinthians

Chapter 13



- A. Value Of Love (1-3)**
- B. Virtues Of Love (4-7)**
- C. Victory Of Love (8-13)**

“Love Is Not Big-Headed, It Is Big-Hearted” (George Sweeting)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony (Colossians 3:12-14).

I Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

So now *faith,*
hope, and *love*
abide, these three;
but the greatest of
these
is



Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV