

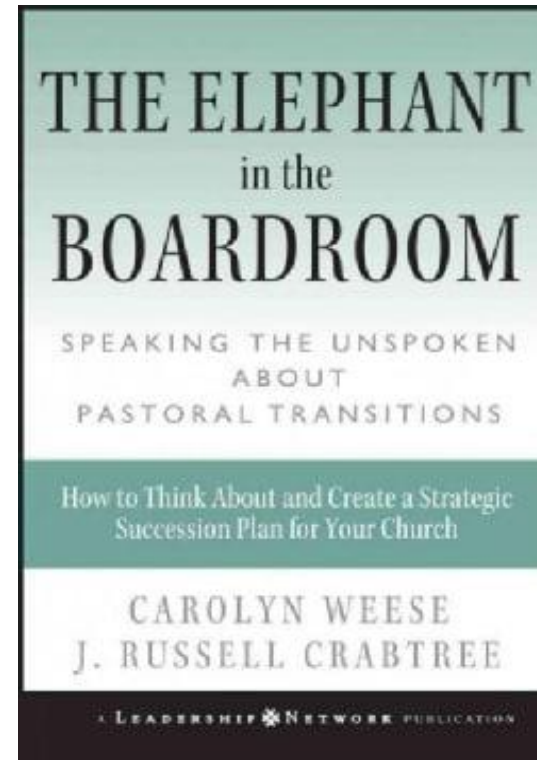
I CORINTHIANS 12-13



A MORE EXCELLENT WAY

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“Management specialists argue that 85% of all employee failures are attributable to deficiencies in the system.”



I CORINTHIANS 12:12-15 (NASB)

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.

I CORINTHIANS 12:16-20 (NASB)

And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not a *part* of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a *part* of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body.

I CORINTHIANS 12:21-24 (NASB)

And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those *members* of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need *of it*. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked.

I CORINTHIANS 12:25-28 (NASB)

So that there may be no division in the body, but *that* the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.

I CORINTHIANS 12:29-31 (NASB)

All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of miracles*, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

And I show you a still more excellent way.

STAFF & SUPPORT ROLES



MISSIONS



OUTREACH



TRADITION VS. PURPOSE



A MORE EXCELLENT WAY

A More Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 13



LOVE

**Lack Of Outreach And Purpose Make The
System Dysfunctional. The System Works
Against Both The Pastor And The Church.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3 (NASB)

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NASB)

Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8A, 13 (NASB)

Love never fails.

**But now faith, hope, love, abide these three;
but the greatest of these is love.**