

# Are you doing your part in the Body of Christ?

## Ephesians 4:16



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*Many of God's children attend their church but don't actively contribute to the growth of the body. Do you feel like you're a contributing part of the Body of Christ? What IS your part? Do you know what gifts you've been given by the Holy Spirit? Are you using those gifts to help the Body grow in love? This teaching will help crystalize these concepts for you – for you surely do have a part to play, services to render and things to do in the sacred body of Christ.*

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I was talking recently with a lady member of the Body of Christ and asked her what she'd say to help people see that they have a part in the Body, a role to fulfill. I got a blank look back and then she said, "I have no role to fill in the Body; no gift, no talent to share --so how can I answer that?"

Therein lies the very reason I needed to prepare this sermon. Do you *feel* like a vital and wanted part of the sacred Body of Christ? Sometimes even I wonder! So I understand. Do you know your part in the body of Christ?

*Any BODY needs all its parts working properly or it will be functioning only at just a portion of full capacity –and eventually get sick, and even die.*

Scripture says we're all a literal part of a literal body- the ekklesia of called out ones, with God's Spirit, who form the "Body of Christ". On a human body, each part should be so deeply appreciated: your toes, eyes, mouth, buttocks, skin, fingers, ears/hearing, and so on. It doesn't take much for us to realize how much a toe or ligament means. We have a "happy body" when each part does its share.

On audio – I discussed examples of a whole production line shutting down if one or two parts don't work. My wife and I love seeing how something, or a factory where they make cheese, or machined parts or anything – how it all works.

Space Shuttle – O-rings or the shield on the return module weren't working properly – and lives were threatened.

Life and death can literally hang on whether or not each part does its share. You are that part.

God tells us in **Ephesians 4:15-16** that the body has many parts – and, that as we grow up into Christ, that “from Him (Christ) the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love **by the proper working of each individual part.**” (Holman translation)

NET (New English translation) – “as each one does its part, the body grows in love.”

Do you see the emphasis on each part doing its part? “As each one does its part; by the proper working of each individual part”.

So the Body of Christ is much, much more than just the “mouth” – the preachers and teachers. It's more than just the choir or deacons. That means YOU have to be doing your part to make the body of Christ vibrant. You're not supposed to just be a bystander or a bump on the log... and yet too many are!

***Today we're going talk about YOUR very vital part in the Family of God – and to be sure each of us is doing our part.*** But first you have to wake up to see you are a part of Christ.

- How do we know what our part is?
- What is your gift from the Holy Spirit? How do you recognize it?
- What can you be doing – if you're a younger person, or an older person? Scripture tells us. We'll cover that and much more.

So --welcome everyone, to **Light on the Rock** – where you have a **part in the Body of the Messiah! Remember – no matter where you live, YOU were hand-picked and selected by none other than God Most High – God the Father.**

**(Request God's guidance, opening prayer)**

**Reminder:** It's always good to hear the audio as well as print out the notes. I always have some things said on audio I don't put in the notes – and vice versa.

## **Do your part**

### **Ephesians 4:11-16, especially verse 16 – from CJB**

“Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries (apostles), some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News (evangelists), and some as shepherds and teachers.

In one group I used to attend with -- these *functions* became titles and positions of rank, or were seen as an “Office”. Sometimes “evangelists” were not even actively proclaiming the Good news – but were administrative people in high authority. Being an evangelist is not a position of rank and authority – but a function. Someone who loves to tell The Story of Christ and the kingdom he is preparing us for. Let’s continue in Ephesians 4:12+ now.

*12 Their task is to equip God’s people for the work of service (ministry) that builds the body of the Messiah, 13 until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah’s perfection.”*

The pastors’ job is to equip the saints for service, until we’re all moving in harmony with one another and enhancing one another’s place in the body.

14 “We will then no longer be infants tossed about by the waves and blown along by every wind of teaching, at the mercy of people clever in devising ways to deceive. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in every respect grow up into him who is the head, the Messiah. 16 Under his control, the whole body is being fitted and held together by the support of every joint, with each part working to fulfill its function; this is how the body grows and builds itself up in love.”

HOLMAN version – v 16: “From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together *by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth* of the body for building up itself in love ***by the proper working of each individual part.***”

NET – “as each one does its part, the body grows in love.”

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-28**

**“For as the body is one and has many members,** but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body** — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been

made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15 If the **foot** should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

**18 But now GOD has set the members, EACH ONE of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?**

**20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.** 21 And 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." 22 ***No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.*** 23 And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. **27 Now YOU (yes you too!) are the body of Christ, and members individually."**

### **USE THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GIFTS**

**So what are you to do? When Father gives us of His Spirit, he is giving us something of himself. There is fruit of the spirit, and there are GIFTS of the Spirit.**

We've all heard of the FRUIT of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 5:22-23).

**But there are also GIFTS of the Spirit. We're told EACH ONE, each of us, is given a gift of God's Spirit. The 2 main chapters that speak of God's gifts are 1 Cor 12 and Romans 12.**

**Romans 12:3-5**

“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, *not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think*, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, **but all the members do not have the same function**, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, **and individually members of one another**.”

The “true church” – is not an organization of the State or by man incorporating. It’s not that. The “ekklesia” is composed of anyone who has God’s spirit and is LED by God’s Spirit (**Rom 8:14**). Someone walking in the spirit is being led by God. He/she is living by Christ’s power inside them and they speak, act, walk, talk more and more like Yeshua himself would. Now Paul in 1 Cor 12:4-11 describes some of these gifts. (See also Romans 12)

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Now there are different **gifts**, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different ministries, but the same Lord. 6 **And there are different activities, but the same God is active in everyone and everything.**

7 **A manifestation of the Spirit is given to EACH person to produce** what is beneficial:

8 to one is given a message of **wisdom** through the Spirit,

to another, a message of **knowledge** by the same Spirit,

9 to another, **faith** by the same Spirit,

to another, **gifts of healing** by the one Spirit,

10 to another, the performing of **miracles**,

to another, **prophecy**,

to another, distinguishing between spirits,

to another, different kinds of **languages (tongues)**,

to another, interpretation of languages.

11 **But one and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each one\*\* as He wills.”**

NOTICE – **“to EACH ONE...” – yes, that includes you and me.**

**WHAT’S YOUR GIFT?**

**What’s your gift?** Most members I’ve spoken to don’t know – or don’t want to say it. *Most* don’t know. But somewhere you have been given a gift or two of God’s Holy Spirit – to help you contribute to the sacred Body of God’s son.

Some thoughts that might help:

- **A gift is usually something you didn't have before –but have now.** So I personally don't think of “gifts *of God's spirit*” as being something you've always done well since childhood – like artistic or musical ability, or being Miss Personality and so on. God may have given you certain abilities and talents from birth, but that's different from “Gifts of the SPIRIT”. *You didn't have those Gifts from God's spirit UNTIL you received God's Spirit. Does that make sense? God's spirit's gifts are more likely something you never had before.* When you open your eyes to see what you've been given, DEVELOP it.
- **These gifts are like the money (“talents”) given to the servants in Matthew 25:14-30.** These gifts from God have to be used, developed, grown, put to work – or nobody will even see or know your gift. (The word “talents” is an amount of money, in the original; not like our English word “talent” today). V 29—to him who develops what he/she's been given, more will be given.

**Open your eyes. What's the delight of your heart? Have you been gifted with good Biblical and Christian living insight?** Can you write an article or blog pretty well? How about writing a blog for this website and sending it to me? I may edit it or proof-read it – and may use it right away or later. But start developing that gift – by using it. Don't bury it like one man did in Matthew 25 Parable of the Talents. Many of you are burying your gifts.

*You may feel you “blew it” spiritually by sins or other reasons -- and aren't able now to use your gifts from God with God's blessing. Look at Rom 11:29.*

**Romans 11:29** is very interesting: “**For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable**”. Now ponder that one. When Abba gives us gifts, he's patient and won't take them away from us. You've flubbed up? Repent, and get back into using the gifts He gave you to develop! And believe!

**IMPORTANT: when we first start to use a new tool or gift, it's awkward.** But we'll grow. Don't quit. Don't give up. When servants were each given a talent (an amount of money), they had to invest it or do something with it. The one who was afraid he might flub up –did nothing! But sure, we'll make mistakes, but let's start contributing to the body – which is a spiritual group, not an organized corporate group.

Certainly you can contribute by being an usher, or singing in the choir, etc. But I believe God has much more for you – if you would trust him in faith.

**Read Romans 12** on your own – and more examples of God's gifts are given there and how to live within the body of Christ.

Do you have the gift of **having a deep out-flowing concern** for people? Then use that gift in prayer, in sending encouraging notes. Even if you're in a wheelchair or up there in years... you can PRAY fervently for people. Have you been gifted with lots of money? Share it with the needy. There are so many to share it with. (In the Audio – I describe a man with M.S. – who can't move below his neck, but he's helping lots of people in so many ways)

So open your eyes and recognize what you've been gifted with. Use your gift. Use your time. Ask others to help you "see" what God has gifted you with.

### **The GREATEST GIFT WE CAN BE USING**

Perhaps you still feel you have no gift, or you see no gift. Do you know what? Paul said the GREATEST gift of all is ... do you remember? Let's read it at the end of 1 Cor 12, which is all about the gifts of the spirit. Later in chapter 12 he lists various gifts – and then realizes some won't identify with any of those, so he says this in 1 Corinthians 12:31 – ***“Desire the best, or better, gifts.*** I'll show you a better way”.

**Then what does God tell us through Paul? He says the greatest gift by far** – greater than prophesying, or healing powers, or any other gift – is to receive and use the gift of God's love! That's through all of 1 Cor 13.

**How many of you – when asked what is your gift from God's spirit – would answer: “I can love others more now”?** Folks, we can all have this gift. Now let's use it. Go back and read and re-read 1 Cor. 13 until you know it by heart. **God has poured his LOVE into us (Romans 5:5) through the Holy Spirit.** I repeat: Paul calls it the greatest gift of all! Greater than the ability to move mountains or understand prophecy! Let that sink in. Believe it. *Quit wishing you could have special miracle powers, or power to heal, or power to prophesy – at least not until you and I first practice love in all its forms, starting at home! Turn with me to 1 Cor 13.*

If you have the gift of preaching and prophesying--- but no love, evidenced by your actions – you're just a clanging cymbal, making noise (v 1). Paul says we can have the gift to understand all mysteries and have such faith we can

literally move mountains, by faith – but if those acts aren't being done in love, it's all nothing. Nothing (**1 Cor. 13:2**)!

You can even give everything you have to help the poor – but if it's not done from a heart of love, you've just thrown it away, it hasn't profited you anything. (**1 Cor 13:3**)

But someone using the gift of God's love will be gentle, tender, kind. As you read through **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**, where it says "love is..." exchange that for your name, "Philip is..." for example. And then go repent, as you'll need to ask God to help you be more of the personification of his love. That's the greatest gift of all. And God's love has been given to every single one of us.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

"Love [use your name] is **patient**; love is kind. Love does not envy; is not boastful; is not conceited; 5 does not act improperly; is not selfish; **is not provoked; does not keep a record of wrongs**;

*There are ungodly people who say they are believers, but aren't, because they not only keep a record of other believers' wrongs and sins, but they spread them around the world! That's of Satan. God's love keeps NO record of wrongs.*

**6 finds no joy in unrighteousness**, but rejoices in the truth;  
7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
**8 Love never ends.** But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;  
as for languages (tongues), they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end."

*Write 1 Cor 13 out and read it to yourself every single morning and evening – first thing and last thing in the day. In a few weeks of doing this, you will start to be a changed child of God.*

You see, you can use your gift of God's love to show God's love to people who are feeling their sins are so bad that nobody would want them around, or want them to be part of their group. I know that feeling well. It's when loving children of God welcome you and love you for what you are and what you will be when the change comes at the resurrection.... Now those people are using their gift. Praise God for them.



**So don't ever be a worker for Satan – the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10).** Don't get involved in gossip or listening to any of it. Let God be their judge. Before our Master each of us must someday stand.

He will be merciful to the merciful (**Matthew 5:7**). **James 1:13** says there will be no mercy shown to the one who didn't show mercy. So be merciful. What standard or measure you use on others – will be used on you (Matthew 7:1-2). So use a forgiving and merciful and accepting standard.

**So ask for this gift in great abundance – as well as the gift of wisdom and kindness for others. Then find ways to USE this GREATEST gift.**

Some of you who are tight financially yourselves, and yet you send in funds to help our orphanage in western Kenya – **28 children** who have lost both parents. Because of donations, we're able to pay for their education costs, and uniforms, bunk beds, shoes, clothing, a clean water well, a strong and dry home in the rains, land to grow vegetables on, and of course food and medications. We call the orphanage home "Cup of Water Home for children". All because of some of you who are using your gift of love.

What other ways can we use the gift of love?

- Fervent and persistent, regular PRAYER for the needy and sick
- Helping elderly neighbors with chores and checking in on them
- START in your own home, your own husband or wife – be kind and forgiving and patient. Love is kind. Love is not easily provoked (you're not losing your temper so easily)
- Start showing more love to your children and grandchildren. Hug them. Hold them. Tell them of your love. Be patient.. they're just kids.
- SUPPORT CAUSES that help others in need – St Jude's hospitals for children, Shriners Hospitals for children, or Salvation Army, which uses funds to actually help (and not have bloated administrative costs and salaries). Wounded Warrior Project helps returning military who've had their arms or legs blown off – or worse. Don't vent your frustrations about the military on to the men and women who need encouragement and help.
- Donate to groups helping victims of hurricanes and tornadoes – Mercy Chefs, Samaritan Purse, Salvation Army to name but a few. I may not be part of their corporate church, but there's no harm in helping those helping others.

## **WHAT IF YOU'VE FAILED so far?**

OK – God's spirit in me is saying some of you are not being encouraged by this but feeling like you've utterly failed and God's spirit wants me to talk to you.

**Frankly everyone, yours truly included, fails, and “drops the ball” about something – probably every single day.** Frankly nobody completely and perfectly always does his or her part. Some of you may not even be aware of what your “part” is, in the body of Christ. So understand that I know this.

I already read, earlier – **Romans 11:29**—how God's gifts and calling are irrevocable. Believe that. Look at Samson – called to be a Judge over Israel. Womanizer, adulterer, liar, broke many nazarite laws, etc – and God used him again at the end as he repented. And Samson's in the Heb 11 Hall of Fame of Faith.

But the point today is to learn your part, realize when you've dropped the ball, repent of it and get back into the Christian life and fight. I've seen times when people just want to give up, maybe even just die – but even that is common to man at various points of severe trial.

But when that happens, commit yourself to your Author and Finisher of your salvation and get back into the fight! Put your sword back on. Pick up your shield of faith. Put on your helmet of salvation and tie your shoes on – and all the other parts too – and get back up!

## **MORE SPECIFICS –**

*Now let's get more specific*

- What should young men and young women be doing?
- What should older women and younger women be doing?
- How about singles or marrieds?
- What should pastors be doing?

You're going to see a series of instructions for us to be sober minded, serious – not stupid or silly-talk all the time; to be holy and reverent – no matter our age.

It is prophesied that in these last days, there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in such a way that young and old alike – not just ministers – will have visions and insight. Are we READY for that?

**Acts 2:16-18**

16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:  
17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
**That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;**  
**Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,**  
**Your young men shall see visions,**  
**Your old men shall dream dreams.**  
18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
**And they shall prophesy."**

**Are we ready to see more and more evidences of this?**

**Older men**

**FIRST OF ALL, OUR OLDER MEN, AND ESPECIALLY OLDER WOMEN are often put out to pasture; dismissed by society and the younger folks, especially in western countries.** Their experience and insight are often ignored or ridiculed. That should not be.

Younger people need to deeply respect our older men and women. Stop the rolling of the eyes. And you older ones – step out and step up in faith, and do what we're about to read.

It's prophesied that in the last days, the older people will be disrespected (2 Timothy 3:1-4; "disobedient to parents" will be one. \_

**Isaiah 3:5**

"The people will be oppressed,  
Everyone by another and every one *by his neighbor*;  
**The child will be insolent toward the elder,**  
**And the base toward the honorable."**

But what does GOD say should happen to the people with greying hair?

**Proverbs 16:31**

The silver-haired head is a crown of glory,  
If it is found in the way of righteousness.

**Leviticus 19:32**

'You shall *rise* before the gray headed and *honor* the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.

**Titus 2:2 CJB**

“Tell the older men to be serious, sensible, self-**controlled and sound in their trust, love and perseverance**” (KJV: “sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, charity and patience”)

Those of us who are older should project wisdom and balance and holiness. That doesn't mean we can't have fun but our life should help others look up to those who are older. Make it easy for younger folks to honor you. This applies to older women as well.

If younger people experience you honoring all – even children, you treat everyone with some respect and love – then it will be easier to honor you. Scripture after all, says “honor all” – 1 Peter 2:17. If people see you doing that, it will be easier to honor you.

Make it easy for others to honor you. Yes, once more I preach to myself too. The older I get, the more aware I am that as a grandpa I can have a huge impact on my grandchildren and nephews and nieces.

## **OLDER WOMEN**

**Titus 2:3-5**

“**the older women likewise**, that they be **reverent in behavior**, not **slanderers**, not given to much wine, teachers of good things — 4 that they **admonish the young women** to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

“Teacher of good things – particularly the young women

- I remind my wife that her words have profound impact on the grandchildren, and I encourage her to say more than she does.
- Read through Titus 2:3-5 several times, women.

## **YOUNGER WOMEN**

Younger women should be willing to look to, and listen to the older women. Review what the older women are to be teaching younger women. What we

just analyzed in Titus 2:4-5 implies you younger women humbly seek and accept the counsel of older women. They have a lot of lessons from LIFE that they can pass on to you ladies.

**Holman: Titus 2:4-5**

“so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be sensible, pure, good homemakers, and submissive to their husbands, so that God’s message will not be slandered.”

Younger women have children, but there’s so much you can offer too. It’s so inspiring to see women 18-45 pitching in with brethren, sending encouraging notes, helping the infirm and poor. And the pattern is here: young adult women can be “big sisters” to mentor girls and teens growing up in the church. Someday you may learn that you were instrumental in some of these “kids” growing up to be godly adults.

**On audio – I speak of a man named Art S who helped me tremendously feel I had an adult and godly male friend.**

**Friends, we’re all scarred. I certainly am.** Life is about giving each of us hope again – through our scarred Saviour Yeshua, Jesus the Christ. BE that friend, that hope, that acceptance and the love of God shining through you – which we all need. I need it too.

So I’m giving you the scriptures that speak to each of you in your age group. Study them carefully on your own. Pray about these scriptures.

**YOUNG MEN**

**Titus 2:6-8**

“**Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded**, 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you”.

**Leviticus 19:32**

'You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.

Job’s friends. Look what it says about the young man Elihu (“My God is he”)

**Job 32:4**

“Now because they [the other men who had come] were years older than he, Elihu had waited to speak to Job”.

The incredible disrespect young people and old alike, show the office of the presidency – is beyond shameful. Again – 1 Peter 2:17 says to honor all... fear God and honor the king (the chief ruler in the land)”. And the disrespect many young men and women show older men and women... disgraceful.

It helps when you agree with, or feel the president or other leaders are acting honorably. But scripture does NOT say “honor the king IF he acts honorably in your mind”. Nor does it say to honor your father and mother IF they are honorable. But I’m hearing of more and more cases where adult children are treating their mom and dad with total disdain, or never call or talk to them, or don’t want them seeing their grandkids.

**1 John 2:13-14** (John repeats some of the thoughts!)

“I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. **I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one.** I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. **I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.**”

I have to wrap this up. Get in the spiritual battle, contribute your gifts and prayers and your actions to the Body of Christ (and that is way beyond just your local church). Pray for me too. Write for this website – YOUR website. Help me with some research. And pray.

Are you an employee?

**Titus 2:9-10**

“Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.”

Are you a widow? Read 1 Timothy 5:5-16.

**Are you an ordained minister?** Read especially the books of **1-2 Timothy, Titus and 1 Peter 5**. Also read Father’s scolding in **Ezekiel 34, + Malachi 1**.

**Are you a wife?** Read 1 Peter 3:1-6 and Ephesians 5:22-24, and Proverbs 31.

**Are you a husband:** Read 1 Peter 3:7, Eph 5:25-33; Prov 5:18-19; Col 3:19.

WE COULD go on and on with this topic – what about husbands, what about wives? What about children?

*Some of you have been given the interest and skill by God to WRITE. So write. Some of you have been given the gift of researching and studying. Share what you learn with me and others. Let us in turn share it with others, if and when appropriate.*

My main point was to get across that we each have been PUT into the body, hand-picked by God the Father and then given to Christ. We each have been given a portion of the spirit's gifts to use to edify and build the body. We all have been given a portion of God's love through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The greatest gift of all is using this love God has given us. What a gift!

Pray about it. Look for it. Start *using* and developing the gifts that become clear to you as having come from God Most High. And most of all – develop the gift of God's love that has been poured out into each of our hearts. Believe that. When you feel a welling up of concern or love or mercy or pity – respond to that and ask God to lead you. Develop that greatest gift of all.

We each have a greater and a more profound impact on others than we might realize.

Please – if you've felt like the lady I mentioned at the beginning of this teaching – who felt she had no gift she was aware of, no role to play, and had therefore no impact in the body.... I hope this sermon has helped you understand and believe what we're told.

And again, the greatest gift – and the greatest opportunity of all, according to Paul: to USE, to serve with, to encourage with, to pray for people and so much more –out of that love we have been given by the Spirit. May Abba bless you.