

Level Five Relationships Part I; April 8, 2018

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ...¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? ¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it...²⁷ All of you **together** are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

– 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NLT)

“Value The Variety!”

Understand and embrace the **purposes**
for which God created variety in others!

God uses others to **help** us!

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

– Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

God uses others to **teach** us!

Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge. – Proverbs 18:15 (NLT)

God uses others to **purify** us!

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. – Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT)

You never know how much of the devil is still in you until God puts you around people that make that devil come out!

Learn the “**love language**”
as well as the “**hot buttons**” others have!

If you love people in a “**language**” they do not understand they won't hear it!

Stop trying to **change** others,
and learn to **accept** them.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. – Romans 15:7 (NIV)