

Be The Light!
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“Be A Hero!”

Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. So it is with the “body” of Christ. ¹³ Each of us is a part of the one body of Christ... ¹⁴ Yes, the body has many 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 what would you think if you heard an ear say, “I am not part of the body because I am only an ear and not an eye”? Would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ Suppose the whole body were an eye—then how would you hear? Or if your whole body were just one big ear, how could you smell anything? ¹⁸ But that isn’t the way God has made us. He has made many parts for our bodies and has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ So he has made many parts, but still there is only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”... ²⁷ Now here is what I am trying to say: **All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.** — 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (TLB)

What are the gifts and talents God has given you?
Where are the best places for you to use them?
What are you waiting for?

**God wants us to do more than forgive our past.
He wants us to fulfill His purposes!**

It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; **and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.** — Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)

Serving gives us a chance to “pay it forward.”

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. **Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.** — 2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

**Stop giving excuses why you can’t serve,
and ask God to show you how you can!**

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. — Acts 4:13 (NIV)

Small roles often have the most impact.

Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. **But what good is that with this huge crowd?”** — John 6:8-9 (NLT)