

In the Word
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"Paul's Punch List for Perfect Presbyterians."

⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

In **Romans 12:4-8** we are looking at how a renewed mind thinks about the church and the use of our _____. We aren't an _____. We are an _____.

Unity is not the same as _____.

The word for grace in the Greek language is "charis." The word for gift is "charismata". The unity of the church is due to _____. But the diversity of the church is due to _____.

Jesus says every Christian is _____ and will be held _____ for using the _____ he or she is given.

The gifts we are given do not belong to us. They belong to the _____. We are simply the _____ of the gifts into the life of the congregation.

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Verse 9 A *hypokrites* was the _____. *Sincere* means _____.

Jesus treats love as a subject for _____.

True love hates _____. From God we learn that true love has some _____.

Verse 10 We have, in fact, been made _____ with each other through the cross of Jesus Christ.

We can make "brotherly affection" real only if we _____
_____.

Verse 11 It is a real problem in the Christian life that we can lose our _____ over a period of time.

_____ is one good cause for creeping inactivity.

_____ can have the same impact -- especially as we compare our _____ or the size of our _____ with the _____ or _____ of those around us.

Verse 13 Paul says that giving to the needs of the saints isn't an action of fear or guilt. It's an action of _____.

Giving is essential for our own _____ and _____ and our love for the body of Christ.

Verse 15 We are to _____ with those who _____ and _____ with those who _____.

God does not call us to talk people out of their _____. It's equally true that God doesn't call us to pour cold water on other's _____.

1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with word or tongue but with deed and truth."