

# The Common Good

1 Corinthians 12 // Pastor Todd Dugard

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## **Open Up**

*Do you have any hidden talents? If you were called to be on the show, "Harvest has Talent", what would you perform?*

## **Dig In**

**I must serve Christ and his church...according to the gift given to me (12:8-11)**

- What gives us confidence in the belief that all believers are given at least one gift (vs.7) to help them serve the church? What gifts do you think you see at play in 2 or 3 believers who you know very well?
- How do you know when you are serving according to your spiritual gifting? How do we serve more often from gifting instead of relying on our own strength?

**I must serve Christ and his church...for the common good (12:7)**

- The word manifestation means to give a clear demonstration. How does the role you play in the church reveal the Holy Spirit at work in your life for the common good? *(It can be helpful to note where you are allowed to succeed even though you are not necessarily talented for the task.)*

**I must serve Christ and his church...by the power of the Spirit (12:4-6)**

- The same Spirit (v. 4), same Lord (v. 5), and same God (v. 6) empowers all variety of gifts in everyone one who has them. What does this theology mean in light of the common excuses people may use to disqualify themselves from having to serve? (Is anyone legitimately disqualified from serving?)
- How may this theology be used to build humility into the life of someone who has become proud because of the prominence of their role?

**I must serve Christ and his church...because Jesus is Lord (12:1-3)**

- Why has Paul given the reminder that "no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says, 'Jesus is accursed!'" and that only those speaking by the spirit can truly say "Jesus is Lord"? *(This direction from Paul helps us know that spiritual gifting always supports Christ as head of the church.)*
- How does serving in your giftedness relate to the Lordship of Jesus Christ over your life?

## **Break Out**

*Are you serving based on the power of God or on your personal ability? Have you taken on too much or not taking on enough according to your gifting? What should you do to honour God with your gift, time and energy?*

