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- You must grow together.
 - **Ephesians 4:16** “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, ... maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”
 - **Colossians 2:19** “...from which [the Head, Christ] all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together”



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(vs. 14) “For the body is not one member, but many.”

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 - Diversity in Functions (v. 17—seeing, hearing, smelling, etc.)
 - Diversity in Strength (v. 22)
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- Diversity for Edification (v. 7)
 - Not for Self-Recognition
 - For the Health of the Whole Body



If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? ... And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.



1 Corinthians 12:15-17; 21

Mutuality: We believers meet together because we need each other.

- Everyone is given a spiritual gift and is equipped to do good works.
 - **Ephesians 2:8-10** “⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ... ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”
 - If you have been created in Christ, then He has ministries for you to edify the body.
 - If you have been created in Christ, then the Spirit has also equipped you to accomplish the good works. (1Cor. 12:7, 11)



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- Since you have been given a spiritual gift, you are needed in this body.
 - Your ministry does not have to be in one of the organized “ministries” of the church.
 - You can encourage, comfort, exhort, pray, give, and sing (loudly!)
 - **Romans 12**—mentions “serving,” “exhorting,” “mercy,” “giving” etc.
 - **Ephesians 5:19** “Speaking to [one another] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”
 - **Colossians 3:16** “teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”



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