

LIVING FOR

A Lifetime of Service

THE BODY OF CHRIST

Part 3:

"A Lifetime of Service"

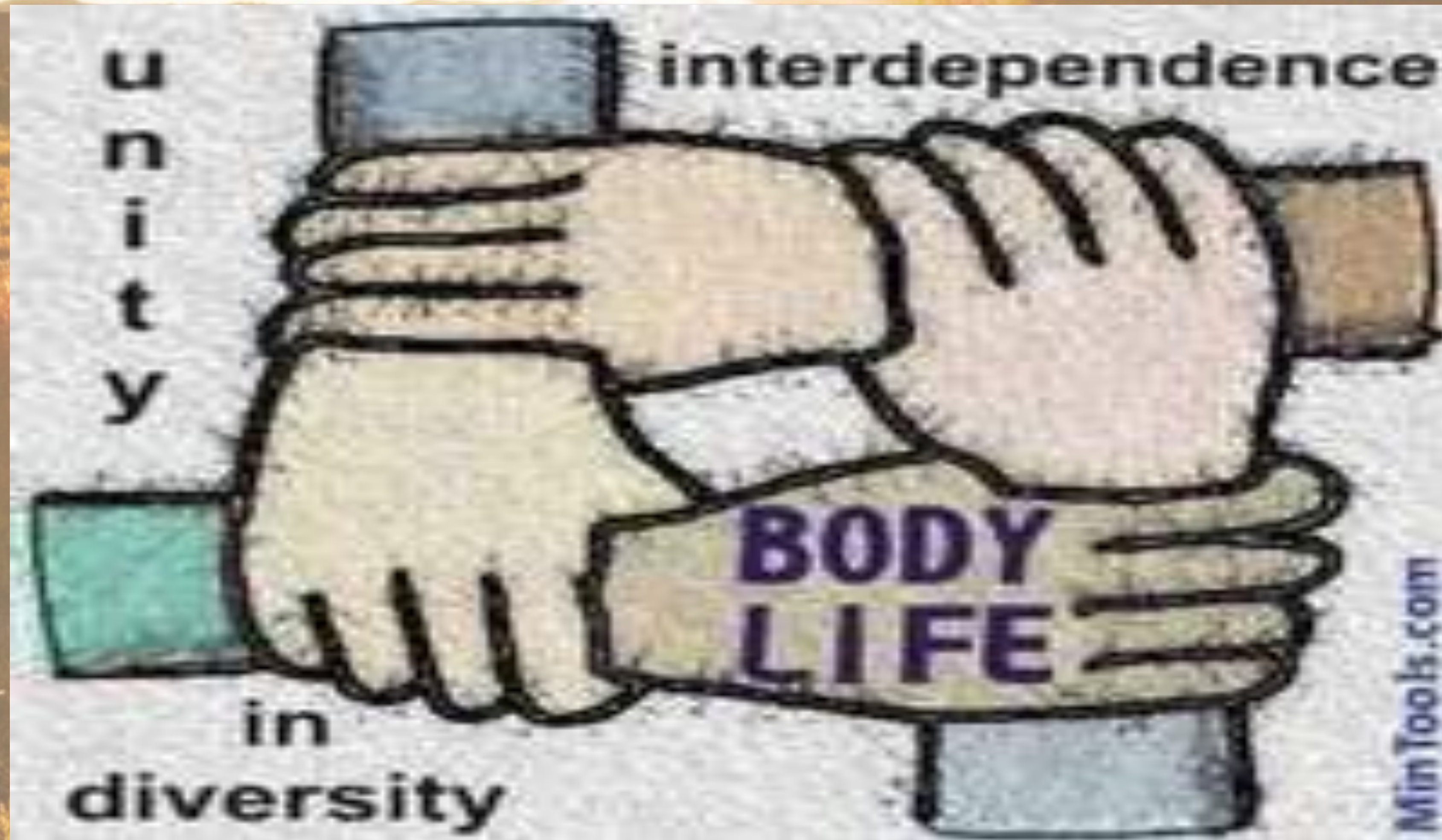
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Col.1:16



CALLED TO SERVE

- Each part doing its work. Ephesians 4:16
- Masterpieces for good works. Ephesians 2:10
- Going about doing good like Jesus. Acts 10:19
- All your days were known before hand by God. Psalm 139:16
- Serve one another with your gifts. 1 Peter 4:10
- **What are your greatest assets in serving?**

- Serve out of love to have an impact. 1 Cor. 12:31, 1 Cor. 13:1-3
- Love reveals who God is, for God is love
- A visible act of service done in love makes a kingdom difference. Matthew 5:16
- What other verses are like it?
- We will be known by the love we have for one another, not by our spiritual gifts. John 13:35, 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 8:18-19

The Supremacy of

Love

1 Corinthians 13

The power of love and the value of character sustains service

Character is good stewardship

Matthew 25:14-30

GOOD STEWARD

- Serves with a willing heart motivated by love, 'I love to'
- Serves to be seen by 'One'. What does God say about me?
- Whatever it takes, goes beyond expectations.
- Directs attention to Christ in humility, God is glorified

A HIRELING "hired labour"

- Has to serve out of duty, or compulsion, 'I have to'
- Serves to please others, to be seen. 'What people think?'
- Its their job, so does the minimum, leaves before end of task
- Draws attention to self pridefully, and refers to God where convenient

GROW in

GOD
CONFIDENCE

NOT SELF ESTEEM

- **ROOTED IN BEING GOD'S WORKMANSHIP**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- **LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT AND SIN**

Hebrews 12:1 Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

- **PERSEVERE**

THE WEIGHTS AND THE SINS



FEAR OF

- Failure
- Success
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Rejection



SINS OF

- Low self esteem or inferiority
- Pride and overconfidence
- Unrepentant sin
- Anger, worry, shame
- Timidity
- selfishness

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK

- Homework: What is the one, or two, or three things that I can start doing to make a real difference?
- Assuming we all know our gifts, what can hinder a person from flowing in the gifts God has given?
- Read, memorise, and reflect on these two verses, Ephesians 2:10 and Hebrews 12:1-2. What do they mean to you personally for gifts and service?

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THE END

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