



**Each one of us is unique** (being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else).

1. Just like your fingerprint, everyone of us is a unique, one of a kind, creation formed to serve Him and His people.

A. Romans 12:4-8 *For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another...*

**The Body of Christ is diverse** (very different or distinct from one another)

2. The Body of Christ is diverse and made up of a vast array of people functioning in many different ways and gifts.

A. Romans 12:4-5 *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

B. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 *There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit... If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?... But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.*

### **New Testament passages dealing with spiritual abilities**

3. Romans 12:3-8 are typically called the believer's motivational gifts given by the Father that represent what God does in believers after salvation to shape their perspective on life and motivate their words and actions.

4. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:9 are spiritual abilities that reveal how God works through a believer in a given situation to demonstrate His supernatural power. God also gave several abilities in the Old Testament that qualify as Spiritual
5. Ephesians 4:11-13 are the office gifts, given by Jesus to build up (equip) the Church. Ministry gifts are often confirmed by ordination and the laying on of hands. The Apostle Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:14, *Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.*

### **Who's missing?**

You are a *key* person illustration — My keyboard works great, except for one key. You would think that with all the other keys functioning properly, one key not working would hardly be noticed; but just one key out of what seems to ruin the entire effort! You may say to yourself, "I'm only one person. No one will notice if I'm involved or not, or whether or not I do my best." But it does make a difference! To be effective as a church, everyone needs to be actively participating. Everyone needs to be an active member of the Body of Christ. So, the next time you think that you are not important or needed, remember my old keyboard. You are a key person!



Because the Body of Christ is made up of *many* members with *varying* gifts, expressions, and intensities, everyone is important and necessary!

How can *you* be a part of the welfare and growth of Christian Life Center? List the things you have to offer that may be different than the things others may offer.

**Next week:** *Finding and developing our passion.*