

Talents: the skills we have from God to use in the world.



One Body with Many Members 1st Corinthians 12

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

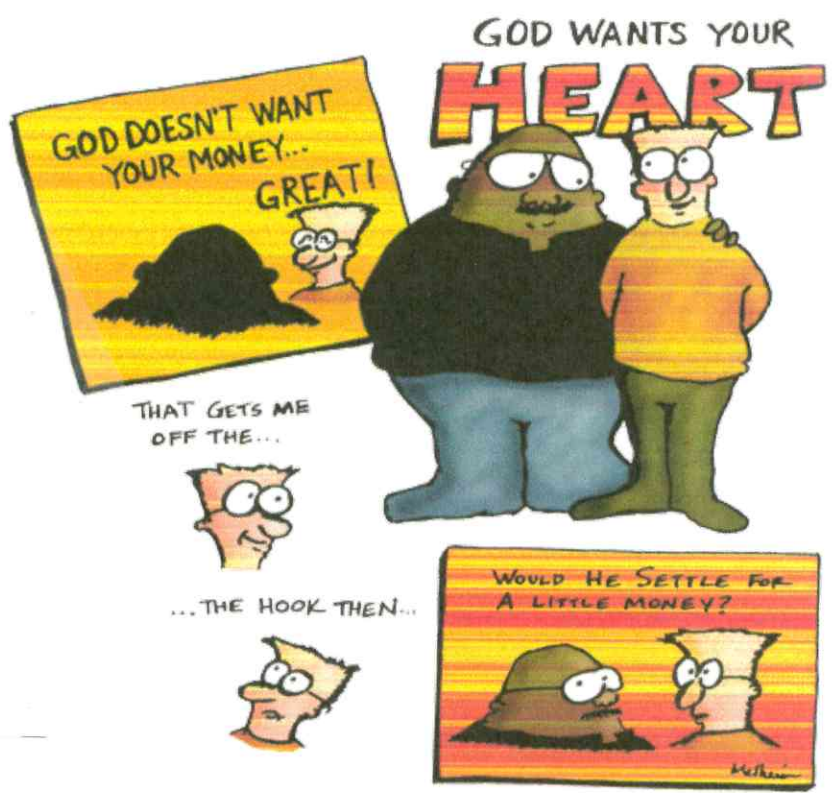
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Circle every time the word **body** is used in the above reading. How many ____ Notice in verse 22 that some members of the body that are considered weaker are actually indispensable. Today we hear the word "essential workers". In this lesson we will look at how some jobs (talents) have changed due to Covid 19 and most importantly how it might have changed you.



Jesus calls us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt does several things, it seasons, it makes you thirsty, it preserves and melts ice. Light overcomes darkness, guides us and helps us to see what is ahead.

Who do you miss the most right now? If I were in high school right now it would be my grandfather, Ivan. He was the salt in my life in many ways. Who do you miss and why?



MY HIGH THIS WEEK

The real fear is not death- it is fear of wasting life.

Anonymous

MY LOW THIS WEEK

Hide not your talents; For use they were made; What's a sundial in the shade!

Benjamin Franklin

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK

Matthew 5:13a, 14, 16

"You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

In the Parable of the Talents, the servant who is punished is the one who will not try.

William Barclay

Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood... but everyone has something to give.

Barbara Bush

Who is your light right now. My grandson has two sisters, on a normal day he would rather play with the neighbor boys in his backyard, but these are not normal days. Now his younger sister sits beside him and watches him do his school work and he spends free time playing with her. He is her light in these unusual times. Are you any one's light right now? **And do you know that you glorify our Father in Heaven? WOW!** Remember to pray for two people you know whose jobs either put them at risk or two people who are not working now, or one of each!!!

Hope and pray that you are safe, healthy and that your school work is going well. I was trying to make a list of essential jobs in the time of a pandemic. Doctor's, nurses, ambulance workers, might be at the top of the list but the list gets longer the longer this Covid 19 pandemic continues. Truck drivers are new heroes because they bring almost everything we need into our communities. Delivery people of every type, bring our mail, groceries, medicines and everything we order from Amazon. I try to thank the people who work in the grocery stores every time I go, without them I would be digging to the back of my freezer for food and wishing I had marked the packages of venison better. 2016 a little freezer burn but should be okay.

List five other jobs you think are essential during the Covid 19 pandemic.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

a. How does God intervene in the time of crisis?

Google Mark 2:1-12 In this story Jesus heals a man who was paralyzed.

b. How does the man get to Jesus?

c. What extraordinary thing do his friends do to get him to Jesus.?

d. How does this help us answer? a



How have jobs changed in the last couple months? Think about your teachers moving their whole classroom to an online format. Factory workers moving from making cars to making ventilators. Do you know someone who is now working from home? **List three jobs that have changed and how they have changed?**

- 1
- 2
- 3

A huge number of people are now out of work. 22 million. A couple months ago finding enough employees was a big challenge, now helping unemployed people with food and other needs is a growing need. Do you know someone that is unemployed now? **Think of one occupation where a lot of people have lost their job because of the Covid 19 pandemic.**

- 1.

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My coaching philosophy? Determine your player's talents and give them every weapon to get the most from those talents.

Don Shula

Wait a minute is this Civic Class in school or a Confirmation lesson? It is a Confirmation lesson. Everything happening now is connected to our faith. God gives each of us talents, skills and roles to play in our community. In the reading on Page 1 Paul tells us we are like a body, some are eyes, some are hands, some are feet etc, and every function of the body is important to the whole. Covid 19 has disrupted this in many ways, some people skills and talents are not needed right now. Some parts are ill, some parts are not needed right now.

Here is what I want you to think about . "who's jobs have become essential for the situation we are in?" Why have grocery store clerks suddenly become some of the most important workers in America? That is an easy one. We need food. What makes someone's talents more valuable than a professional baseball player now? Other tragic events have disrupted the system before. The attack on Pearl Harbor and 911 pushed many young men and women to join the military. What will Covid 19 pushing people to do? Write one sentence on what you think will change. 1.

You still have several years to figure this out but as you think about what you want to do for a living* as an adult, have the recent events changed it any or would you follow the same path either way. Complete one of the below using 2 full sentences.

A. Yes, This Covid 19 stuff has changed the way I look at my future in 2 ways

1.

2.

B. No, Covid 19 has not changed my thoughts about my future for 2 reasons

1.

2.

- Interesting fact, one of the jobs you will have in the future has not been invented yet. There were no cell phone sales people when I grew up.

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