

Thursday, March 26 ~ You Are a Masterpiece ~
1 Corinthians 12:12-26

This past month, I had the wonderful opportunity to tour Morgan County High School with our eighth grade students for orientation. While on the tour, the art teacher asked students to leave random items from their pockets for his class to turn into art. The end result was amazing! The art students took every single item and created a beautiful masterpiece. It reminded me of today's Scripture reading. We each have our part in the body of Christ, but God takes each of our parts and makes it beautiful.

As each student left their mark on this creation, I realized the importance of leaving my mark in this world. Don't hide the unique gift that God has given you. You are a part of the masterpiece. Your part is important and needed. What part do you play? Where do your gifts and skills fit in the full picture of God's Kingdom?

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Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²²On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Footnotes:

- a. [1 Corinthians 12:13](#) Or *with*; or *in*