

1 Corinthians 12 Pt 4- Divine Usefulness

Cursed is the ground because of you; Genesis 3:17

Based on how the church operates, the world should get a pretty good idea of the personality of Jesus.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

We have everything we need except a desire to be used.

28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:28

***29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?
30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 1 Corinthians 12:29-30***

31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:31

5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— 1 Corinthians 1:5-5

A common failure of many Christians is that we don't speak up for the Lord.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

“Go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8:11

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:14-15

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins. Ecclesiastes 7:20

Healthy shame leads to repentance, repentance leads to forgiveness, and forgiveness to joy.

When our hearts and lives are right, we will be able trust that we are able to be a divinely useful witness for Jesus.

you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8