

The DNA of CBC:
Who We Are and What We're About
Part 1– The Beauty of Diversity
I Corinthians 12:12-26
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In order to celebrate and appreciate the diversity here at CBC...

A. We must value oneness and unity (verses 12-14).

“The most important characteristic of the Body is unity; but diversity is essential to that unity.”

- From *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: I Corinthians*
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p. 314.

- Are you more concerned about being right than the oneness of CBC?
- Are you more concerned about your ministry than the oneness of CBC?

B. We must value our own gifts, abilities and roles (verses 15-17).

“God redeemed you so you could do his ‘holy work.’ You’re not saved *by* service, but you are saved *for* service. In God’s kingdom, you have a place, a purpose, a role, and a function to fulfill. This gives your life great significance and value.”

- From *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren
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- Are you believing the lie that you don’t have anything to offer here at CBC?
- Have you concluded your ministry isn’t as important as others?

- C. We must value the gifts, abilities and perspectives of others (verses 21-24).

“The most vital ministries in a church always include some that are not obvious. The faithful prayers and services of a few dedicated saints who hold no office frequently are the most reliable and productive channels of spiritual power in a congregation.”

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- Do you struggle to value someone else’s role or a ministry here at CBC?
- Do you value your perspective above others?

- D. We must understand God has arranged the parts exactly as He wanted them (verses 18, 23).

- Do you ever think God has done a poor job of arranging the parts here at CBC?
- Do you ever subtly think you could do a better job than who God has chosen?

- E. We must be emotionally/relationally connected with each other (verses 25, 26).

“Authentic fellowship is not superficial, surface-level chit-chat. It is genuine, heart-to-heart, sometimes gut-level, sharing. It happens when people get honest about who they are and what is happening in their lives. They share their hurts, reveal their feelings, confess their failures, disclose their doubts, admit their fears, acknowledge their weaknesses, and ask for help and prayer.”

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- Are you emotionally connected with others here at CBC?
- What keeps you from being emotionally/ relationally connected here at CBC?