



Life in the Body

1 Corinthians 12 & 13



The Church in Corinth

Is it possible for a lot to be going wrong
and a lot to be going right all at the same
time?



Problems in the Church in Corinth:

1. Factions and Competition (ch's 1-4)
2. Sexual Immorality and Licentiousness (ch's 5&6)
3. Lawsuits among believers (ch 6)
4. Termites (ch 9)
5. Improper attitudes and conduct in public worship (ch's 11-14)



And yet...

“I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you.”

- 1 Corinthians 11:2



When you look at your local church, what do you see?

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A picture of the local church

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Our experience of life in the Church is greatly affected by how we view it, and how we view our place in it.



Our effectiveness as a church is greatly affected by how each one of us sees ourselves and our role, and the depth of our love commitment to one another.



Our differences cause difficulties!

Our differences are our strength.

Selfishness causes competition,
complacency and contempt.

Love causes commonality, community
and complementarity.



Will you choose to see yourself as part of the Body?

Will you serve according to the gifts that you have been entrusted with?

Will you love even those who you most struggle to understand and appreciate?