



# 1 Corinthians

Messy  
church



## **1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (NLT)**

*27 All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.*

*28 Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:*

*first are apostles,*

*second are prophets,*

*third are teachers,*

*then those who do miracles,*

*those who have the gift of healing,*

*those who can help others,*

*those who have the gift of leadership,*

*those who speak in unknown languages.*

*29 Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do*

*we all have the power to do miracles? 30 Do we all have the gift of*

*healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do*

*we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!*

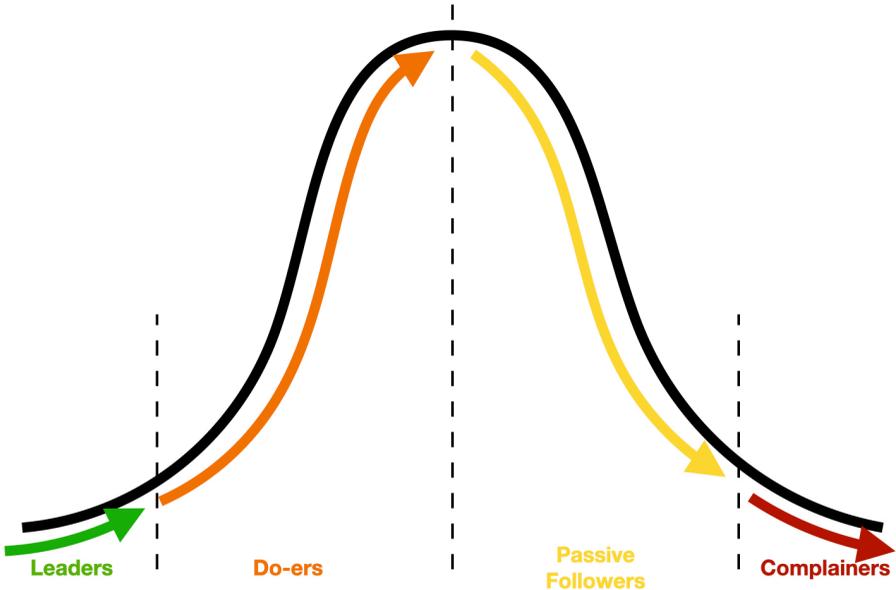
*31 So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.*

*But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.*



**EACH ONE SHOULD DO HIS PART**

Ministry is not the responsibility of those overseeing the church, but of every believer.



**LEADERS**

- 1. Creative
- 2. Self-motivated
- 3. Focused
- 4. Networking

**DO-ERS**

- 1. Hard working
- 2. Committed
- 3. Team players
- 4. Positive

**PASSIVE FOLLOWERS**

- 1. Emotional
- 2. People-pleasers
- 3. Individualistic
- 4. Uninformed

**COMPLAINERS**

- 1. Broken
- 2. Loud
- 3. Negative
- 4. Blame-shifting



## **1. BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE VS. BIBLICAL ILLITERACY**

Biblical knowledge is imparted into your heart through meaningful, faith-filled discussion.

## **2. STRONG FAITH VS. FAITH STRUGGLES**

Everyone faces difficulties at some point. Those who are prone to isolation will find it more difficult to overcome their struggles and stay in faith.

## **3. SACRIFICIAL LOVE VS INWARD FOCUS**

When believers avoid discipleship, they will start to become inward focus on their own needs. This might lead to blaming God for their bad situations. Those who embrace discipleship are more prone to sacrificially caring for others.

## **4. TRULY SAVED VS DOUBTING PERSONAL SALVATION**

Assurance of salvation is one of the gifts of the Gospel. Living in isolation might cause you to start doubting your salvation and questioning Grace.

## **5. EFFECTIVE LEADERS VS UNQUALIFIED LEADERS**

Those who have been discipled will better understand the efficiency of personal discipleship. This individual influence is what makes people effective leaders.

## **6. ENCOURAGING VS COMPLAINING**

Being in community and helping people stay strong in their faith will develop a natural ability to encourage others and lift them up. This creates empathy and an ability to love deeply instead of always talking about your own struggles.

## **7. HOLINESS VS SIN STRUGGLES**

When you have a true understanding of your sinful nature and the need for salvation by grace, you will also understand the importance of accountability to keep you away from temptation.



## **8. STRONG FAMILY BONDS VS WEAK FAMILIES**

True discipleship starts in the family, not in church. The Word of God is the foundation of strong families.

## **9. HOLY SPIRIT POWER VS POWERLESS MINISTRY**

God's blessing is on people who walk with Him in obedience and pray to Him in dependence.

Undisciplined people seldom live in the discipline of prayer and therefore live void of god's power.

## **10. LEGACY VS GENERATIONAL PROBLEMS**

When one generation is not disciplined, the next generation also pays a price. This pattern continues from one generation to the next and the body of Christ suffers, until a leader is raised to reverse this cycle.

