

# 1 Corinthians 12

An introduction to the MC Canada “system”

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Part One is used in combination with Bryan Moyer Suderman’s song *Whatever You Got*, from his CD *Can’t Keep Quiet*. Permission to use this song must be requested from Bryan ([bryan@smalltallmusic.com](mailto:bryan@smalltallmusic.com)). Note that the final verse of the song is omitted.

Lyrics are italicized; the rest of the script is “voiced over” the instrumental parts of the song.

## Part One:

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul writes about the spiritual giftedness of the body of Christ.

*Whatever you got – use it to serve each other*  
*Whatever you got – let it show*  
*Whatever you got – whatever gift that you’ve been given*  
*Whatever you got – let it go*

There are many gifts. One spirit.  
There are varieties of service. One Lord.  
There are many kinds of activity. One God who activates them all.

*Maybe you’ve got the gift of speaking words that must be spoken*  
*Or maybe yours is the gift of helping hands*  
*Maybe you’re not quite sure just what it is that you’ve been given*  
*You can be sure that God will help you understand*

*Whatever you got – use it to serve each other*  
*Whatever you got – let it show*  
*Whatever you got – whatever gift that you’ve been given*  
*Whatever you got – let it go*

To one is given wisdom  
Another knowledge  
The gift of faith  
Healing  
Or the working of miracles  
Prophecy  
Spiritual discernment  
Voice of tongues  
Interpretation

*Maybe you’re really good at reading, writing, math equations*  
*Or maybe soccer, sculpture, singing’s more your style*  
*Always remember to show constant love for one another*  
*You know, in all these things our Lord is glorified*

*Whatever you got – use it to serve each other*  
*Whatever you got – let it show*  
*Whatever you got – whatever gift that you've been given*  
*Whatever you got – let it go*

Each gift activated by one spirit  
Each gift animated by the same God  
Each person called, chosen, gifted  
For the common good - for the body of Christ  
Whatever you got, use it to serve each other  
Let it show!  
Whatever gift that you've been given  
Let it go!

*Whatever you got – use it to serve each other*  
*Whatever you got – let it show*  
*Whatever you got – whatever gift that you've been given*  
*Whatever you got – let it go*

(“Fade” the song)

## **Part Two:**

Why are we gifted? Why has God given a full complement of spiritual blessings to the church?

That we might function as a body, with Christ our head.

Whether we are Jews or Greeks. Whether we are slaves or free, we are all baptized into one body and all drink from the same Spirit.

Although one, the body, of course, has many members.

It would be ridiculous for the foot to say, “Because I’m not a hand, I don’t belong to the body.”  
Or the ear to suggest that “only the eye is of significance.”

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

As it is, God arranged the members in the body, choosing and gifting each one purposely.

Now, although we are each gifted members of the church, the church remains one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head cannot possibly say, “I don’t need my feet.”

All members are vitally linked together. One body. One people. One organism. Under one God.

In fact, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable, we treat with greater respect.

God has arranged the church, giving the greater honour to the inferior members so that there may be no dissension within the body, but that the members may have the same care for each other. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Friends, we are a part of the body of Christ. Each of us are gifted members of that body: apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, assistants, leaders, speakers. And we all must strive for the greatest gift – unconditional love.

**Suggested Hymn:**

#72 *Sing the Journey One is the Body* by John L. Bell