

1 Cor 12:4-7 (NLT)

Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

Remember the old days when you were back in school. There were some things you liked to do, and others you just couldn't wait to get out of.

Maybe you didn't like science class, but you liked art class.

Maybe you couldn't wait to go to gym class, but shuttered every time you had to go to math class.

Maybe history was your cup-o-tea, but you couldn't get English class at all.

Also remember in the classes that you didn't like that there was always those who really enjoyed it? They hated gym class but couldn't wait to study history or science.

We called them nerds (and we now call them boss lol), but in reality they just had a different preference for the things they liked to study then you did.

Now think about church, and how you would like to teach the bible like your pastor, or maybe sing like your favorite Christian singer. But instead you work in the nursery or as an usher and feel like you are not that important.

If all were singers, then who would teach the children?

If all were pastors, then who would teach God's word?

If all were PowerPoint and sound people, then who would greet and see to the needs of the people when they entered the church?

Just like in school where you were great at some classes, but terrible in others, it's the same way with us in the church. We may be great at some things, but terrible at others. Maybe you can't teach, but you can greet and minister to the needs of the people better than your pastor ever could.

Maybe you wanted to be one of those kids, who got straight A's in school, but you barely passed with a C-, and it was art class or gym that got you through high school.

God has given us all different gifts to minister to the body (the church).

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If we stopped trying to be like someone else and just be what God created us to be the ***(there are different ways God works in our lives)***, we could go a long way, and only then would we truly be happy in serving the Lord.

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