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VII. THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCH (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

A. ANATOMY 101 (12:12a)

1. The human body is complete as _____, though consisting of _____.
2. The human body, though made up of many _____, is still only _____.

B. APPLICATIONS #1. (12:12b-13)

1. Just like the human body is one with many members, so also is the Body of _____ (12:12b)
2. The means of this spiritual positional unity is the _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit relative to every believer in this age. (12:13)

C. ANATOMY 201 (12:14-17)

1. The human body is a _____ of individual parts which make up the _____ (12:14)
2. Each member of the human body is _____ with its _____ and _____ while recognizing that its difference does not mean it is not a part of the whole body. (12:15-16)
3. Each part of the human body has a _____ function that no other part can do. (12:17)

D. APPLICATIONS #2. (12:18-20)

1. Each believer’s place of service and spiritual gift has been _____ (12:18a)
2. Each believer’s place of service and spiritual gift has been _____ (12:18b)
3. Each believer’s place of service and spiritual gift is _____ for the proper function and growth of the Body of Christ. (12:19-20)

E. ANATOMY 301 (12:21-24a)

1. Every member of the human body has a built-in _____ with each other. (12:21)
2. Even those members of the human body which appear to be weaker are still very _____. (12:22)
3. Even members of the human body which are deemed “not as important,” we actually bestow _____ (with shoes, gloves, or clothing); and other members of the body simply need normal _____ or _____. (12:23-24a)

F. APPLICATIONS #3 (12:24b-25)

1. God composed the body of Christ so that there should be _____ in it. (12:24b-25a)
2. God composed the body of Christ so that believers would have the same _____ for one another. (12:25b)

G. ANATOMY 401 (12:26)

1. If one member of the human body suffers (like the big toe), _____ the body _____. (12:26a)
2. If one member of the human body is honored (with a pat on the back), the _____ body is honored. (12:26b)

H. APPLICATIONS #4 (12:27-31)

1. Remember your _____... “you” is plural. (12:27a)
2. Remember your _____... “*are the body* [singular] *of Christ.*” (12:27b)
3. Remember your _____... “*and members individually.*” (12:27c)
4. Recognize God’s _____... regarding your place of service and spiritual gifts. (12:28)
5. Recognize God’s _____ and our _____ regarding your place of service and spiritual gifts. (12:29-30)
6. Realize God’s more “*excellent way*” of using your spiritual gifts is to do so in _____. (12:31)

* How is this all possible?