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Fulfilling Our Purpose

- > Who receives spiritual gifts according to verse 7? Every believer receives a spiritual gift.
- > For what purpose has God given people gifts and roles in the church (v. 12)? In order to equip others and prepare them to do the work of ministry, and to edify (build-up) the body of Christ.
- > What should be the result of people using their spiritual gifts (vv. 13-14)? Unity of faith, spiritual maturity and Christ-likeness, being grounded in your faith.
- > How significant is each person according to verse 16? We each have our part, each person makes the body function correctly.

Application

We see from these verses that each person has a place in a local church. Each of us is on earth by God's design and for God's purpose.

- > How important is each person to the church? Each person is essential; we each have a specific purpose.
- > What happens if you do not fulfill your role, or do not get involved in the group? The group as a whole suffers and is unable to live up the full potential God desires.
- > What does this say about how we should appreciate those around us? Realize their role is important and that we need them.

Consider ways that you can serve and use your gifts in a local church. Consider how you can better serve your fellow Christians. Remember, if you are a believer, then God has gifted you for a reason. Being involved will strengthen your church and allow you to fulfill the purpose God has for you!

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