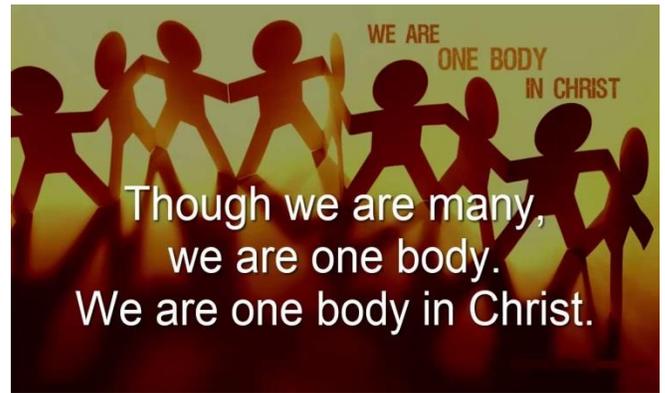
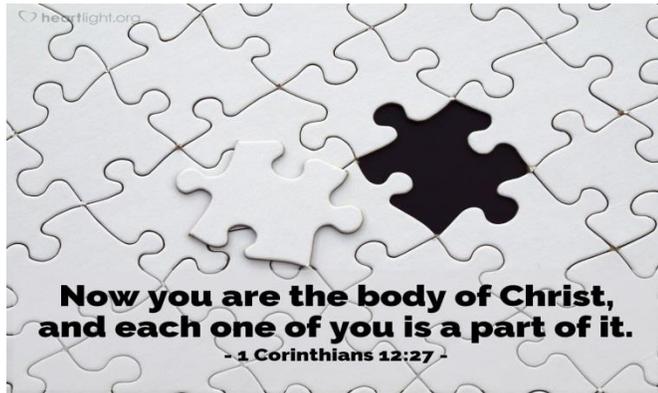


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Stop Robbing the Body of Christ

(1 Corinthians 12:14-21)

Every day, you get out of bed, put on clothes, and walk to the table to eat breakfast. You greet the rest of the household and maybe read the paper. A few minutes later, you drive to work at 60 m.p.h. on a strip of asphalt where other vehicles can pass by within four feet. In the first hour or so that you're awake, your body completes thousands of complex tasks that are so routine they go unnoticed.

Our physical frame is a creation of remarkable beauty and intricacy. And while certain parts seem more attractive than others, all are useful. The body's interdependent nature—that is, the way every part relies on other parts to perform properly—is an apt metaphor for a Christ-centered church. When believers use their gifts and talents to operate together lovingly, the whole body functions properly to the glory of God.

However, churches today are filled with people who feel insignificant. Upon seeing the successful work of others, they decide they're not really needed or assume they haven't got the "right" talents to make a worthwhile contribution. Those are lies from the Devil. When his misguidance succeeds—which is all too often—he manages to get one more Christian to back away in hopes that someone else will do the Lord's work.

Hanging back instead of seeking a place to serve is a form of thievery: you're robbing the Lord's church—His people—of your unique contribution. Your role might be small or go unnoticed, but it is vital to Jesus Christ and to the smooth functioning of His body on earth.

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THE PRAYER CORNER

“Sharing the Christ that Listens,



Showing God’s Solutions”

John (stroke with permanent damage)

Marjorie Smith & brother Morris (fighting cancer)

Gaspersz family (loss of Selvia’s mother & cousin, travelling protection to Indonesia)

Basaraba Family (health)

Dita Gaspersz (health, passing of her aunt & grand-ma)

Pastor Ellis (recovering from bike’s accident)

Nobert Sithole (health)

Shannon (health)

Ben Louis (health)

Sharath (salvation issues)

Jeba and Rose (medical issues)

Hanah Haynes (passing of her mother)

Elaine Pappajohn (back at home – recovering)

Pinsan Mao (Ivy’s dad, in hospital due to a fall)

Ted’s mother (recovering from fall)

DEVOTIONAL



Hosea 10:12

CHOOSING HONOR WHEN I FEEL DISHONORED

Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.” [Hosea 10:12](#) (NIV)

I remember one day when I got an email that started, “Shame on you.” *Lovely.*

And of course, it came on the same day I had some technical issues messing with my workday along with a little attitude situation involving a family member. But instead of firing off the initial email response my flesh wanted to send, I stopped and lifted up a simple and honest [prayer](#): *What is the deal, Jesus? Why do I always seem to have little pieces of brokenness in my life every day? It’s so frustrating. I need Your perspective on the brokenness, or I need a break from it.* There was no answer. No instant verse. Nothing.

Until the next morning. With a tired heart, I sat once again at my farm table and opened up my tattered and worn Truth Book. And there, in the book of Hosea, God had wisdom my heart desperately needed. Wisdom I want us to break down together today: ***“Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you” [\(Hosea 10:12\)](#).***

Sow righteousness for yourselves ...

In other words, we must sow righteousness into our lives — right choices that honor God. We must make these choices. Choose to honor Him in the midst of it all. Even when we are dishonored, honor Him still.

Reap the fruit of unfailing love ...

There will be fruit in the midst of every choice that honors God. It will be the fruit of God’s unfailing love. Remember, [Romans 8](#) teaches us that nothing shall separate us from the love of God. Yet, that is Satan’s great tactic — to get us entangled in things that make us forget or doubt God’s unfailing love.

We resist the enemy’s distracting entanglements by honoring God with the choices we face right now.

Break up your unplowed ground ...

Pain and heartbreak are hard. But I'm learning we must not resist the blessing of brokenness that tills the ground of our hearts. Breaking up the unplowed ground of our hearts makes them ready for new life, new growth and new maturity that can't be found any other way.

For it is time to seek the Lord ...

We must seek God like never before. And part of seeking Him is allowing for grace space in our lives — granting God's grace a space in our minds, our hearts, our lives. When circumstances of life leak us dry, we can see this emptiness as an opportunity. Instead of reacting out of emptiness, we can choose to see that this emptiness is the perfect spot for a space of grace in life.

And as we give grace to those who don't deserve it, the mercy jars of heaven will lavish it back on us.

The showers ...

I love this part. This is where we see growth. We begin making more right choices that honor Him. We start looking at life, people and annoying circumstances differently. And we even dare to whisper, "*Thank You,*" when the need for grace spaces comes again and again.

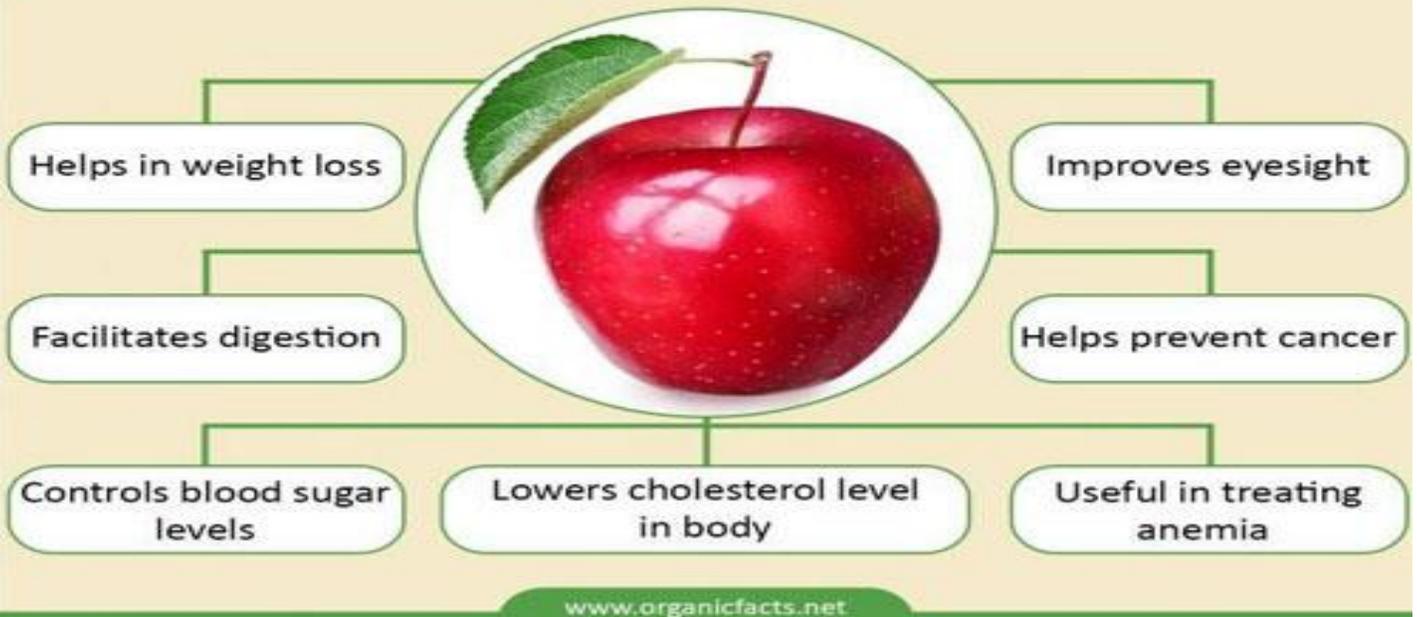
I don't know what kind of frustrations or heartbreak you face today, sweet friend. But let's decide right now we'll give our hearts permission to grow in fertile soil by making right choices that honor God. Let's make space for grace. And then let's watch God work in our hearts and lives in ways we never would have dared to ask.



Amazing Health Facts!

BENEFITS OF APPLE

Organic  Facts





RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH AT HOME – Live streamed every Saturday at 10:00 am (Sabbath School) and at 11:00 am (Praise & Worship/ Main service). To connect, please go to our church website www.westminstersda.org Guest Speaker this Sabbath is Pastor Norman Cote, from Cornerstone SDA Church.

Upcoming guest speakers:

February 6, 2021	February 13, 2021	February 20, 2021	February 27, 2021
Lloyd Jura	Ps Alrick Watson	Ps Mellas (Surrey SDA Church)	Ps Alrick Watson

PRAYER MEETINGS – After an inspiring and blessed Week of Prayer at the beginning of the month of January, We decided to continue to have prayer meetings twice a week in conjunction with the New Life SDA church. Please join us every Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-8 pm. “A revival needs to be expected only in answer to prayer.”(1SM 121.1). Let us come together and seek the Lord. Below is the zoom link for the meetings:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97305845601?pwd=YUFUUEFCbUVDa1JSSVJvbKf5RDcyQT09>

Meeting ID: 973 0584 5601 / Passcode: 824793

By Phone, Dial (778) 907 2071 / Meeting ID: 973 0584 5601 / Passcode: 824793

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81399384357> / Meeting ID: 813 9938 4357

BREAD MINISTRY – The next bread ministry will be on Saturday, January 30th, 12:30 – 3:00 pm.

