

OVERESTIMATING OUR INABILITY



THE LOCAL CHURCH AS A BODY

➤ Romans 12:3-6

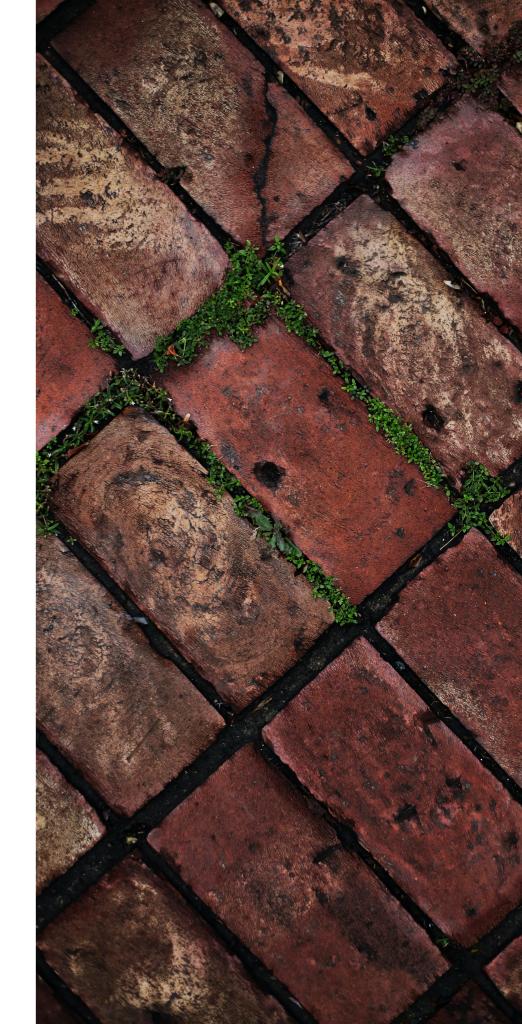
- ➤ Everyone has gifts.
- ➤ They differ.
- ➤ God wants us to use them.

➤ 1 Corinthians 12:14-27

- ➤ You're not worthless because you can't do something someone else can do.
- ➤ Other people aren't worthless because they can't do something you can do.
- ➤ If I'm not good at something, does that mean I don't have that gift?
 - "...earnestly desire the higher gifts" (1 Cor. 12:31)

DEVELOPING OUR TALENTS

- ➤ The Parable of the Talents
 - Matthew 25:14-30
- > Timothy
 - 2 Timothy 1:5-7
- ➤ John Mark
 - 2 Timothy 4:11
- > Jeremiah
 - Jeremiah 1:4-10
- ➤ Moses
 - Exodus 3 & 4



3 PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. Begin by focusing on the need more than your perceived ability.
- 2. Remember that God never expects you to do anything he doesn't give you the strength to accomplish.
- 3. Be aware of your abilities outside of a "church" context.

