

Functional or Dysfunctional Romans 12:3-8 (NKJV)

Three Tests to Determine the Health of A Church

I. When you examine the health of a church body, the first thing you're going to look for is a humble representation. (v.3)

Are the individuals that make up a particular church representing Christ and the church with humility

"You can never be too small for God to use you,
but you can be too big"

II. When you examine the health of a church body, the second thing you're going to look for is group cooperation. (v.4,5)

Are the church members working together to accomplish the mission?

Three Truths About Your Body That Relate to the Church

1. Your body has many parts –visible and invisible.
2. Every part is important.
3. Every part depends on every other part.

III. When you examine the health of a church body, the third thing you're going to look for is individual participation. (v. 6-8)

Are all the members engaged in ministry?

Seven Spiritual Gifts Listed

1. Prophecy (v.6)- a person with this gift is someone who has the ability to speak authoritative truth from God that will edify, exhort, and comfort. (I Cor 14:3)
2. Ministry (v.7)- a person with this gift likes to serve others. They don't seek the limelight.
3. Teaching (v.7)- a person with this gift has the ability to take the Word of God, and explain it clearly and apply it to the lives of the hearers.
4. Exhortation (v.8)- this person has the gift of stirring people to move forward; encouraging them to keep on keeping on, to take those steps of faith.
5. Giving (v.8)- the person with this gift loves to share themselves and their resources with others.
6. Leadership (v.8)- the person with this gift sets the example for others to follow. They have the ability to lead or administrate a group in a positive, productive direction.
7. Mercy (v.8)- the person with this gift is always reaching out to others who are hurting with the love of Christ.

Are we a functional church or are we dysfunctional?