

# Some Assembly Required

## Week 4: "Needy You"

**Weekly Summary:** Some parts of the body are obviously important. Eyes and ears and arms and legs get lots of attention while other parts are ignored for years. But Paul saves the Church from arrogance and division by reminding those with obvious gifts of how much they need the less noticeable parts. Small parts of the brain help control those arms. Unseen mechanisms allow those beautiful eyes to see. This sermon is meant to raise awareness and appreciation as well as save our church from spiritual pride.

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 12:21- The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"



- ❖ Romans 12:3a - For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought.

1 Corinthians 12:22-25 - On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.



- ❖ Big Problem: You are **dangerous**.
  
- ❖ Big Idea: You're **nuts**, but I **need** you.
  
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 1:26-28 - Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are.
  
- ❖ Big News: You're **nuts**, God didn't **need** you, yet God **chose** you.
  
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 12:26-27 - If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

### **Points to Ponder**

1. What personality types annoy you the most? What is it about “those people” that gets under your skin?
2. What would happen if God had only made people exactly like you? What weaknesses would the Body of Christ have? What flaws? What missing gifts?
3. Meditate at length on Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. Put your name in place of the word “love”, especially as you consider the unique people that get under your skin. Finally, put Jesus' name in place of the word “love” as you remember the Savior who chooses you to be saved.

### **Homework For Next Week: 1 Corinthians 13**

*“God has put the ‘Body’ together.”  
~ The Apostle Paul*