

## **FIVE PRINCIPLES OF BODY BUILDING**

(1Corinthians 12:12-27)

Scripture uses the metaphor of a *body* to describe the church

(Romans 12; 1Corinthians 12; Ephesians 1, 4, 5; Colossians 1, 2)

Background of our passage

- The city and the atmosphere
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The gospel (Acts 18) and the church

**The body functions best when:**

**1. The parts are accountable to the whole (12-13)**

**2. The parts accept themselves (7-11, 18)**

Next week:

- 3. The parts accept each other (14-20, 23)**
- 4. The parts acknowledge they need each other (18-21)**
- 5. The parts care for and support each other (25-26)**