FIVE PRINCIPLES OF BODY BUILDING

(1Corinthians 12:12-27)

- Scripture uses the metaphor of a *body* to describe the church
- The church at Corinth was strongly influenced by the spirit of the city
- The church was characterized by a *party spirit*, both *morally* and *politically*
  - The moral party spirit led to *immorality* in the church, so Paul encourages progress in *purity*
  - The political party spirit led to *divisions* in the church, so Paul encourages progress in *unity*
  - Addressing unity in chapter 12, the apostle lists principles of how the body functions best

The body functions best when:

1. **The parts are accountable to the whole** (12-13)
2. **The parts accept themselves** (7-11, 18)

3. **The parts accept each other** (14-20, 22-23)

4. **The parts acknowledge they need each other** (18-21)

5. **The parts care for and support each other** (25-26)

What principles of "body building" do our muscular, green, Hulk Hands illustrate?