

UNITED MOMENT
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ALL PARTS OF THE BODY (Players on a Team) ARE NEEDED

Today I want to talk with you all about being part of a team.
Specifically, your volleyball team!

I'm going to read a passage from the Bible. This is actually a letter written to help a church understand how to work with one another.
There are different types of people with different talents and they needed to learn one was not more important than another. They had to learn different was good and necessary.

These verses are symbolizing the body (the church) and the parts of the body as it's members. Eyes, hands, feet, ears...all different parts, but all needed to create harmony among the group.

We will use the symbolism of the body, and it's parts, to our teams.
So, as I read this, visualize these things. If I say body, think of your team. If I say a specific body part, like a foot or an eye, think of your position and your talents. Setter, hitter, middle blocker, DS/libero and coach.

1 Corinthians 12:14-18, 20-26 NLT

"Yes, the body (team) has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot (your position) says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear?
Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?
But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.

I'm going to stop here and say to each of you. YOU WERE CHOSEN FROM HUNDREDS OF GIRLS TO BE EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE. You were

prayed for even before you walked in the gym for your tryout. It is NOT a mistake that you are here!

Reading on: “Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

A hitter can never say she doesn’t need a DS or a Setter. A player can’t ever say she doesn’t need a coach and a DS can never say she doesn’t need a hitter. A starter can’t say she never needs a backup.

Reading on: “In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other.

Let’s think about this. Let’s think of body parts that needs to be treated with greater care. Ones that seem less honorable. Your stomach, lungs, heart. These are body parts that don’t get praise for doing well but you can’t do life without them!

They must do their job well and must be taken care of! Your physical body does many unnoticeable things to keep those body parts safe and they are protected by other parts of the body so they can so they can perform well and give strength to the more noticeable parts.

It may not look as if these parts of the body are used but they are greatly needed and if not taken care of, they may not perform well when called upon to perform greatly.

So with that said, each team has players that are used often and others are used only on occasion. Does this mean they are unnecessary? Absolutely not, they are a big part of the body. Players must take great care of all their teammates (all their body parts). Players that are on the sidelines during a game can see more of what’s going on than those on the court. They must use their skills to

help with communication. They can yell from the sides to help the players on the court do their job better.

They are also needed to help build up and encourage those on the court and when called upon to be on the court of 6, they must be ready to perform.

Stand up for each one of your teammates. Don't allow anyone to put a teammate down. Cherish each player. Whether the negative words come from another teammate, a parent or a friend, don't allow anyone to speak in a negative way about them.

Build each part of your team up so when they are called upon to perform, they have the confidence needed because you all protected those parts of your team and helped to keep her ready.

Last part of the passage says: "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad."

Let's end with this...know in your heart, you were chosen for this team. You learn together, win together and lose together. You are ALL needed for this team. Take care of all the players on your team. Build one another up so that when parts of your team are needed, they are ready!