

1 Corinthians 12:18-27 (The Living Bible) [God] has made many parts for our bodies and has put each part just where he wants it. What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part! So he has made many parts, but still there is 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." And some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary. So God has put the body together in such a way that extra honor and care are given to those parts that might otherwise seem less important. This makes for happiness among the parts, so that the parts have the same care for each other that they do for themselves. If one part suffers, all parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

- **“Blended Family”** – any marriage in which at least one of the spouses becomes a stepparent (new parent), regardless of the age of the children.
- **“Blend”** – to mix together, so that the things mixed cannot be separated or individually distinguished.

❖ **Proper Order In The Home**

Genesis 2:24 (NLT) This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

❖ **Children’s Perspective**

- **Hesitant to Connect**

• **Discipline**

Hebrews 12: 6 (NIV) “Because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

Amos 3:3 (NLT) Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

❖ **Step-Parenting**

- **Loving and caring for a child not born to you is not easy, does not come natural, and is usually “out of your comfort zone.”**

Luke 3:23(NIV) [Jesus] was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph...

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV) [Christ] said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.