

# 1 Cor. 12:27-31 mws

## V. 27

σῶμα

body of a human being or animal, body, the living body, in contrast to its parts  
they physical body of persons, animals, or plants, either dead or alive, ‘though all the parts of the body are many, it is still one body’

μέλη

a part of the human body, member, part, limb, the parts of the body  
a part of the body, body part, member

μέρους

in part, individually  
the state of being part of something, being part of, as a part of, in part, partially, ‘you are the body of Christ and each member is a part of it’ or ‘...and each one is a part of the body’

## V. 28

ἔθετο

AMI3sg

fr. τιθημι

to bring about an arrangement, fix, establish, set  
to assign someone to a particular task, function, or role, to appoint, to designate, to assign, to give a task to

πρῶτον

of sequence in enumerations, first  
first in a series involving time, space, or set, first

ἀποστόλους

of messengers with extraordinary status, especially of God’s messenger, envoy, predominately of a group of highly honored believers with a special function as God’s envoys, in Christian circles, at first denoted one who proclaimed the gospel  
one who fulfills the role of being a special messenger (generally restricted to the immediate followers of Jesus Christ, but also extended, as in the case of Paul, to other early Christians active in proclaiming the message of the gospel) apostle, special messenger

δεύτερον

next to the first in a sequence or series, second, in enumerations, secondly  
second in a series involving either time, space, or set, second, in the second place, secondly

προφήτας

a person inspired to proclaim or reveal divine will or purpose, prophet, Christians, who are endowed with the gift of προφητεια  
one who proclaims inspired utterances on behalf of God, prophet, inspired preacher

### τρίτον

third in a series, third, in enumerations, in the third place  
third in a series involving either time, space, or set, third

### διδασκάλους

teacher, as an official in a Christian assembly  
one who provides instruction, teacher, instructor

### ἔπειτα

being next in position of an enumeration of items, then, as fourth and fifth member in a list  
a point of time following another point, then, afterwards, later

### δυνάμεις

a deed that exhibits ability to function powerfully, deed of power, miracle, wonder, the power that works wonders  
a deed manifesting great power, with the implication of some supernatural force, mighty deed, miracle

### χαρίσματα

that which is freely and graciously given, favor bestowed, gift, of special gifts of a non-material sort, bestowed through God's generosity on individual Christians, of spiritual gifts in a special sense, cf. v. 4, 9, 30, 31  
that which is given freely and generously, gift, gracious gift

### ἰαμάτων

healing, (spiritual) gifts of healing, cf. v. 9, 30  
gifts of healings, i.e. power to heal, ability to cause people to be well again  
the capacity to cause someone to become healed or cured, the power to heal, the capacity to heal

### ἀντιλήψεις

help, 'helpful deeds'  
ability or capacity to help or assist, ability to help, 'followed by the gift of healing, or the ability to help others, or to direct them'

### κυβερνήσεις

administration, indicates varieties of such leading positions in the ecclesial body of Christ  
the ability to lead, guidance, leadership, 'then those who have the gift of healing, or of helping others, or of leadership'

### γένη

entities united by common traits, class, kind, cf. v. 10  
a category or class based upon an implied derivation and/or lineage, kind, type, cf. 14:10

γλωσσῶν

an utterance outside the normal patterns of intelligible speech and therefore requiring special interpretation, ecstatic language, ecstatic speech, tongue  
an utterance having the form of language but requiring an inspired interpreter for an understanding of the content, ecstatic language, tongue, ecstatic speech

## V. 29

ἀπόστολοι  
see above

προφήται  
see above

διδάσκαλοι  
see above

δυνάμεις  
see above

## V. 30

χαρίσματα  
see above

ἰαμάτων  
see above

γλώσσαις  
see above

διερμηνεύουσιν                      PAI3pl                      fr. διερμηνευω  
to clarify something so as to make it understandable, explain, interpret ecstatic speech, cf. 14:5, 13, 27  
to explain on a more extensive and formal level the meaning of something which is particularly obscure or difficult to comprehend, to explain, to interpret

## V. 31

ζηλοῦτε                      PAImp2pl                      fr. ζηλωω  
be positively and intensely interested in something, strive, desire, exert oneself earnestly, be dedicated, 'strive for the more valuable spiritual gifts', cf. 14:1, 39  
to be deeply committed to something, with the implication of accompanying desire, to be earnest, to set one's heart on, to be completely intent upon, 'set your hearts, then, on the more important gifts

χαρίσματα  
see above

### μείζονα

pertaining to being relatively superior in importance, great, of things, great, sublime, important, 'the more important spiritual gifts'

pertaining to being great in terms of status, great, important

### ὑπερβολήν

state of exceeding to an extraordinary degree a point on a scale of extent, excess, extraordinary quality/character, 'I will show (you) a far better way'

a degree which exceeds extraordinarily a point on an implied or overt scale of extent, extraordinary, extreme, supreme, far more, much greater, to a far greater degree, 'I show you a far better way'

### ὁδὸν

course of behavior, way, way of life, way of acting, conduct, of the whole way of life, from a moral and spiritual viewpoint, the way, teaching, 'a far better way'

customary manner of life or behavior, with probably some implication of goal or purpose, way of life, way to live, behavior in accordance with Christian principles and practices, Way, Christian way of life

### δείκνυμι

PAI1sg

fr. δεικνυμι

to exhibit something that can be apprehended by one or more of the senses, point out, show, make known, by figurative extension, of direction to transcendent matters

to make known the character or significance of something by visual, auditory, gestural, or linguistic means, to make known, to demonstrate, to show