Weekly Challenge

Read the book of Galatians, chapters one to six and Ephesians 4:1-16, and write down what you learn in your journal. Read a chapter each day and don’t forget to mark the corresponding box each time you read a chapter.

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Connect with the Word

John was a young man who really liked to play soccer and was very good at it. Finally one day, he tried out for the team from his school and he made it! Everyone who knew him thought that this would become a priority in his life.

But to everyone’s surprise, John missed a lot of the team’s training and practice sessions. This made him play out of sync with the rest of the players and showed them that he didn’t have a lot of interest in being a part of their team.

Finally the time came for the season to begin. The coach decided to let John play in the first game! However, to everyone’s dismay, the results were disastrous since he didn’t cooperate with the team and wanted to do everything himself. That day, his team lost badly.

After the game, the coach talked privately with John and explained to him that a team only works when each member does his part and together they reach success. Each player should be well prepared to play in his position and work with everyone else.
Something similar happens in the church, but here we will see what the apostle Paul compares it to.

What are the people called who form the church according to the apostle Paul? __________________________ (1 Corinthians 12:27).

According to the same passage, what do we call each individual that forms the church? __________________________ (1 Corinthians 12:27).
What should we do for one another? __________________________ (1 Corinthians 12:25).

In order to answer the following question, find the word hidden in the circle.

Who is the head of this body? __________________________ (Colossians 1:18).

Look up the Bible verses and write the answers to the following questions.

How many members form the body? ____________ (1 Corinthians 12:14).
Do all the members have the same function? ___ (1 Corinthians 12:15-17).
Who puts the members in place? ________________ (1 Corinthians 12:18).
What happens when a member is hurt or receives honor? ________________ (1 Corinthians 12:26).

God has a body, and that body is His church. You are part of it and you have special gifts that God gave you. Find out what those gifts are and don’t hesitate to put them to service for the Lord. You will see that your gifts will be a blessing to others and you will grow more each day.

Pray and think about the things that you like to do and know how to do well. Perhaps the first time you do this you will think that there isn’t anything you know how to do well, but it isn’t true! Serve in the church in whatever way you can, and little by little you will find what it is you do best. When you discover it, don’t let it go to waste. God gave it to you to help others. Use it!