

Reliance on God

For someone who is very rarely ill, my recent hospital stay was quite a shock to the system. From being very self-reliant, I was suddenly dependent on others for almost every aspect of my life. The team who provided that care could not be faulted, from the most specialised doctors and nurses to those fulfilling more mundane tasks which were nevertheless vital to my well-being. Whilst I would not claim to understand all the various positions and roles of the staff, I soon found that there was someone available to meet each need as it arose.

I was reminded of the way in which God provides various gifts as required, as we read here in 1 Corinthians:

1 Cor 12:4-11:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. The spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom, while to another person the same spirit gives a message full of knowledge. One and the same spirit gives faith to one person, while to another person he gives the power to heal.

The spirit gives one person the power to work miracles, to another the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said. But it is one and the same spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person.

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