

BELONGING



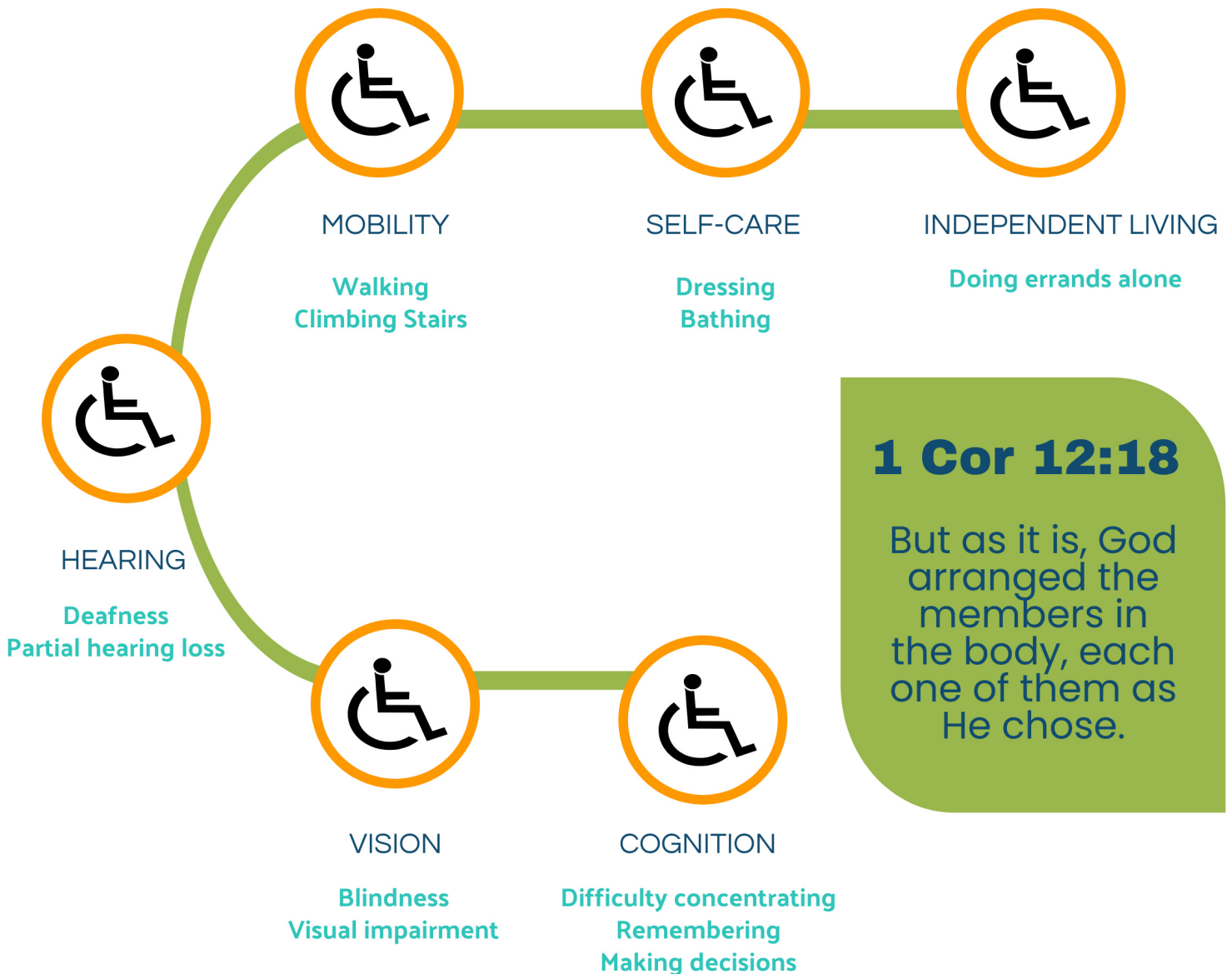
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Persons with Disabilities are Indispensable

DISABILITY ISSUES

Uniquely You

Not all disabilities are identical, and the experiences of different disabilities are as different as the individuals who experience them.



1 Cor 12:18

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them as He chose.

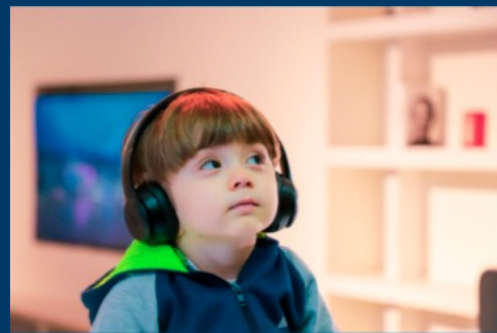
WHAT TO KNOW



Disability becomes more common with age, affecting about 2 in 5 adults age 65 and older.



61 million people, about 1 in 4 persons, have an intellectual, developmental, mobility, or age related disability.



60% of childhood hearing loss is due to preventable causes.

Romans 12:5-6

...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...

LOVING MY NEIGHBOR

- We include people with disabilities among our authentic relationships and friendships.
- We use people-first language when speaking about persons with disabilities— Mary, who has autism, rather than “the disabled.”
- We recognize that the effects of sin have inflicted brokenness upon everybody, not just those with diagnosed or visible disabilities.

OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...