

### Questions for further reflection

What challenged your thinking or beliefs from today's teaching?

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How can pride and arrogance creep into the use of spiritual gifts? Have you ever struggled with pride and arrogance in how God has gifted you? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Knowing that God gives varieties of gifts how can this allow you to better minister to the body of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Knowing that God gives varieties of ministries of how the gifts can be used, how should you be looking for opportunities to use your gift(s) that challenge the traditional view of only in a church setting \_\_\_\_\_

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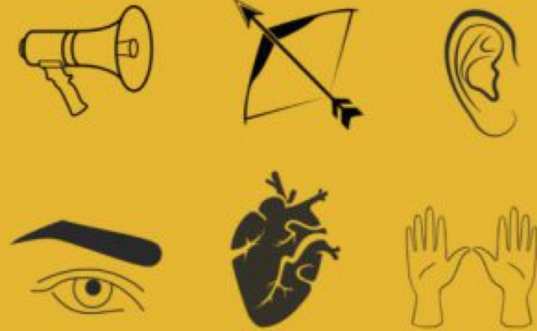
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How have you viewed your "success" or effectiveness in your spiritual gifts in the past? Was this correct thinking? \_\_\_\_\_

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# “THE GIFTS”

Text Corinthians 12:4-6

As we saw a couple weeks ago this church was a charismatic church, they boasted about having \_\_\_\_\_ and yet as we saw they were ignorant about true spirituality. They had a \_\_\_\_\_ spirituality when it came to using spiritual gifts.

We need to remember that spiritual gifts are not for our own \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_ for others within the body of Christ. Paul's main emphasis in this passage out of I Corinthians 12 is \_\_\_\_\_, of which these Corinthian believers lacked. They are \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and others on the basis of their spiritual gifts, ministries, and effectiveness.

Take away for today: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. The Corinthians problem with spiritual gifts.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**1:18-31; 4:7-13; 4:18-21; 5:2; 8:1; 2 Corinthians 10**

- They \_\_\_\_\_ certain gifts and \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- Those with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ gifts used them to " \_\_\_\_\_ " in the church meeting (14:26).
- Those with the " \_\_\_\_\_ " felt they were \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't need to \_\_\_\_\_ on the less visible members of the body (12:21).
- Chapter 12- Stresses \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of different gifts.
- Chapter 13- Stresses the \_\_\_\_\_ in which we use the gifts.
- Chapter 14- Stresses \_\_\_\_\_ which is a guiding principle for the \_\_\_\_\_ of any and all the gifts.

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ in gifts should produce \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs 4-6**

These verses would have been a hard pill to swallow to those with an \_\_\_\_\_ view of spirituality and ministry. Meaning those that thought they were the "spiritual" ones were the ones that were the \_\_\_\_\_ of spirituality and ministry.

"Varieties of Gifts"- Not only in \_\_\_\_\_ but numerous in \_\_\_\_\_. A very \_\_\_\_\_ of gifts is possible many of which may not be included in the NT lists. Some gifts may be \_\_\_\_\_ or given at certain \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

"Varieties of Service or ministries "- Broad spectrum of the \_\_\_\_\_ in which these gifts can be used. This includes the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ the gift is used. This also implies that the way you are being used with your gift now may \_\_\_\_\_ in the years to come.

"Varieties of Activities or effects"- There are different \_\_\_\_\_ of effectiveness or success, and these levels have \_\_\_\_\_ to do with our natural \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. They are the result of God's \_\_\_\_\_. This "success" has little or nothing to do with our \_\_\_\_\_ (Example Jonah vs Isaiah).

Behind gifts, ministries, and effects, there is One God manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. The gifts are the work of the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus, and Father God. Our unity comes from the very nature of God. So too does our diversity.