



“THE GIFTS”

Text Corinthians 12:7-11

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul is trying to teach the Corinthian believers and us about the purpose of the spiritual gifts and that is _____, so the the whole body of Christ can be _____. We know there is disunity and division in the church. Paul addressed their false spirituality in vs 1-3 and their pride and arrogance in vs 4-6. Paul has reinforced that it is the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus, and God the Father who works in the variety of the gifts, variety of the services and variety of the activities. Because of the diversity we as believers should be striving to _____ unity just as there is unity in God the Holy Spirit, God the Son, and God the Father.

Take away for today: _____

I. What we need to know about _____
_____ vs 7

- No one is _____ in the church of Jesus Christ." _____ " vs 7; " _____ " vs 11
- The gifts are for the " _____ " which is for God's _____ not ours and _____ of the _____ not our own _____.
- The gifts are a _____ vs 7. They are not an _____ of our spirituality but an evidence of the Spirit's _____ in our lives.

Questions for further reflection

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

How have you viewed the purpose and the reason for spiritual gifts in the past? Was it biblical or unbiblical? Why? do you believe this?

Can you give an example of someone else meeting a need in your life through the Spirit's manifestation of a particular gift? What did it mean to you? How did it help you?

What are some ways that you can be actively looking to meet the needs of others in the church? Do you know what the needs are of others in the church? How can this change the way we "do ministry"?

How can you guard against the wrong thinking of wanting to be served instead of serving "one another" _____

II. How the Spirit _____

Vs 8-10

- Word of wisdom- ability to _____ the wisdom of God especially in an important situation. Examples: Stephen (Acts 7) and Paul (Acts 23).
- Word of knowledge- ability to _____ that could only be supernaturally _____. Examples: Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-14), Paul (Acts 27:10, 27:23-26).
- Faith- unique ability to _____ against all circumstances.
- Healings- This is _____ healing power, either _____ or received. Not just physical. The best healing is _____.
- Miracles- Literally "_____". Gifts of healing and working of miracles often operate in _____ with the gift of _____, as in Acts 3:1-8. These things are not done on the _____ of the individual, as if the power to heal or work miracles was at their _____ disposal. Acts 14:8-10
- Prophecy- The _____ of God's message in a particular _____, always in accord with _____ and His current _____. Prophecy is NOT _____.
- Discerning of spirits- The ability to tell the _____ between _____ and _____ doctrine, and between what is of the _____ and what isn't. Acts 8:18-23, 16:16-18

II. How the Spirit _____

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- Various kinds of tongues. Uses:
 - A " _____ " to _____ that the Gospel is true.
 - A _____ language of _____ given by God where a believer can communicate with God beyond the limits of knowledge and understanding. I Cor. 14:14-15. Not " _____ " of the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 - Tongues have an important place in the _____ life of the believer, but a _____ place in the corporate life of the _____. I Cor. 14:18-19, especially in " _____ " meetings I Cor 14:23.
 - When tongues are manifested in the public meetings of the church, it is to be _____, _____, and never without an _____ given by the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 14:27-28.
- Interpretation of tongues- Allows the gift of tongues to be of _____ for those other than the speaker, as they are able to _____ and _____ with the tongue-speaker's words to God.

THE PROBLEM OF THEIR DISUNITY: These believers were divided because they thought that the gifts were given _____ for their own _____ and so this caused them think of themselves as being _____ or _____ about the gifts. Paul will later go on to discuss this unity in greater detail by using the example of the human body. Paul emphasizes that it is the _____ and the _____ Spirit works all these things, so they should reflect that same unity among themselves.

III. How to have unity with the spiritual gifts

1. Have the right _____. Take the emphasis off _____ and place it where it belongs, which is the _____. He _____ you, _____ you and manifests His Spirit according to His individual _____ as He _____.
2. Know God's _____: To _____ Jesus Christ and to be _____ in Him.
3. Minister to _____. Don't seek to be _____, but _____ " _____ ". The different "manifestations," that the Lord distributes at any given time to the people of the Church _____ the _____ of the Church. Are you looking for opportunities for God to use you to _____ the needs of another in the body of Christ?