

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Spiritual Gifts"
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Part-20

1 Corinthians 11:2-14:40 Order In The Local Church: Public worship:
Verses 2-16 The chain of guidance of God,
Verses 17-34 Paul speaks about the Lord's Supper.
1 Corinthians 12-14 Spiritual Gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:1 What an amazing statement that is, because that is the very thing that we are ignorant of today!

Thought Of Our Passage: "Every Believer Has At Least One Spiritual Gift By Which We Can Bless His Body And Glorify His Name."

- 1. Verses 1-3 Foundation Of Spiritual Gifts**
- 2. Verses 4-6 Variation Of Spiritual Gifts**
- 3. Verses 7-11 Manifestation Of Spiritual Gifts**

1. Verses 1-3 Foundation Of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now - This marks a change in subject. Paul has just spoken in **1 Corinthians 11** about public worship. There had been two abuses that Paul dealt with.

- 1. Women out of order that desired to take on the roles of men.**
- 2. The Lord's Supper.**

concerning spiritual gifts, *"gifted believers or gifts themselves"*

"Now concerning the spiritualities" (spiritual matters)

What Is Meant - The word for **spiritual gifts** (*charisma*), is from the word for grace, means *"gifts that are due to the grace of God."*

synonym for gift is ability. A spiritual gift is an ability. "God-given"

Distinction Between Gifts and Talents: A talent is a human and natural ability given at birth.

NATURAL TALENTS

Given by God through our parents
Given at birth
To benefit mankind generally

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Given by God independent of parents
Evidently given at conversion
To benefit the body particularly

A spiritual gift is not a place of service.

A spiritual gift is not an office.

A spiritual gift is not a particular age group ministry.

There are 3 categories of gifts in the believers' life:

1. Natural Abilities:

2. Acquired Abilities:

3. Spiritual Gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:2 Negative: You know that when you were pagans,
This church was in the city of vice.

you were led astray *"to be carried away as a prisoner"* **Ephesians 6:12**

to the mute idols, *speaking of their inability to the senses.* They are pieces of material that cannot reason. **Jeremiah 10:1-6**

however you were led. Everyone has a god. Sometimes it is an idol, a physical one, other times it is just plain self.

1 Timothy 4:1 paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

1 Corinthians 12:3 Positive: Therefore (Therefore is There for?
"do not be led by the world, demons." **I make known to you,**

that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"
A person that claims to be speaking on behalf of God.
accursed – *"curse, cast out"*

and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," To say that Jesus is the master, He is the owner of my soul, I belong to Him. Not just with our lips!

Matthew 7:21

1 Corinthians 2:14

except by the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us to God. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts us of sin, righteousness and the judgment to come.

2. Verses 4-6 Variation Of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4 Now - Paul explains **there are varieties of gifts,** Greek **Charismata,** *Charismatic "grace gifts," an ability given to the Christian out of the grace of God through the Holy Spirit. Christian service and growth.*

varieties "*distinction or difference, diversity*"

but the same Spirit. The Trinity's involvement in the gifts:

Verse 4 same Spirit (Holy Spirit)

Verse 5 same Lord (Jesus Christ)

Verse 6 same God (God the Father)

1 Corinthians 12:5 ministries – *spiritual ministries*. We get our word "*deacon*" - *speaks of the use of the gift (Opportunities)*

and the same Lord. Comes from Jesus. **Notice that Jesus Christ assigns a definite ministry:**

1 Corinthians 12:6 effects - *energema*, We get our word - **energy**
"an effect, operation, working"

but the same God who works all things in all persons.
Notice that the Father controls the entire operation.

3. Verses 7-11 Manifestation Of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7 But to each one That means that each Christian has been given at least one or more gifts.

is given that is a gift.

Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10;

manifestation of the Spirit Every Christian will manifest the presence of Jesus Christ.

for the common good. it is to be a blessing to the body.

1 Corinthians 12:8

9 Spiritual Gifts Are Listed: (Speaking gifts, Serving gifts, Sign gifts)

There are 3 basic lists in Scripture that speak about the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

(1) 1 Cor 12:4-11, 1 Cor 12:28-30

(2) Romans 12:3-8,

(3) Ephesians 4:11

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Our Passage List Stresses The Gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 Gifts And The Office Of Gifted Men:
Romans 12:3-8 Gift And Duty:
Ephesians 4:7-11 The Office Of The Gifted Man:

For to one is given notice that it is not to all but to one.

the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge

When we speak of wisdom and knowledge they always go together.

Knowledge – Greek word "*to know to be sure, to know without doubt*"

Wisdom - "*the application of knowledge, hands on, how to apply*"

according to the same Spirit; The Holy Spirit is the one that gives the insight.

1 Corinthians 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit,

This faith is a faith that depends on God to perform the great and impossible.

and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

This is God using a person to heal through. It is plural, which speaks of all the different diseases that God can heal.

1 Corinthians 12:10 and to another the effecting of miracles,

These were given by God to authenticate the divine spokesman.

and to another Prophecy - *not foretelling, but forth telling* - Telling the whole counsel of God - proclaiming the Word of God! Giving the message of God.

1 Corinthians 14:3 accomplish **3** things:

(1) Edification, (Build up)

(2) Exhortation, (encourage)

(3) Consolation (console) More the heart and the will.

and to another the distinguishing of spirits,

The ability to discern the true from the false as to the sources of supernatural revelation given.

to another various kinds of tongues,

The ability to speak in known, foreign languages (unknown and unlearned by the speaker) NLT 1 Corinthians 14:2

and to another the interpretation of tongues. The ability to give the sense of what the message was. It is giving praise and exalting God.

1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, - This is all of God, it is all His doing.

distributing – dividing, a division.

to each one individually just as He wills. God knows the person and the person and the gift go together.

Application:

1. Every child of God has a spiritual gift.
2. The gifts of the Spirit are varied and different.
3. The Holy Spirit determines who receives what gifts.
4. Spiritual Gifts are given to people to be used for the good of the church.
5. God wants us to know what your gifts are and to use them in ministry.

How can you use your gifts for ministry?

1. Pray for opportunities for ministry.
2. Spend time with God daily.
3. Be aware of needs and be ready to help.
4. Attend the church fellowship regularly.
5. Assist the church in local missions and ministry work.