

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "Spiritual Gifts: Given and Empowered by the Spirit"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

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INTRODUCTION

Review...

- Spiritual gifts enable us to serve LIKE Jesus, FOR the glory of Jesus, AS Jesus' body here on earth.
- We are totally inadequate and unable to love and serve for Jesus WITHOUT the Holy Spirit.
- Spirituals Gifts... For Whom? From Where? For What?

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 -

Note: Spiritual gifts are not necessarily a sign of spiritual maturity.

Note: We do grow spiritually as we serve together, as we "build up" one another in Christ!

Note: Spiritual gifts are known and revealed through their use, not primarily through "tests".

Note: Sundays are NOT the only (or even primary) time our gifts should be used and exercised!

I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS: MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD

1) The Gift of WISDOM: The ability to apply God's truth to "everyday life".

2) The Gift of KNOWLEDGE: The ability to remember, retain, collect, and organize truth.

1 Corinthians 13:2 -

3) The Gift of FAITH: The ability to trust God's word/promises and call for action!

4) The Gifts (plural) of HEALING: Here, Paul seems to have in mind several gifts of healing.

2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 6:1a -

5) The Working of MIRACLES: The ability to demonstrate God's victorious power over His enemies.

1 John 4:4b; 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 16:20 -

6) The Gift of PROPHECY: The ability to communicate and proclaim God's word.

1 Corinthians 14:3 -

7) The Gift of DISCERNMENT: The ability to discern truth from "almost truth".

1 John 4:1; 1 Corinthians 14:29 -

8) The Gift of TONGUES or LANGUAGES: The ability to speak a language not previously known to the speaker.

9) The Gift of INTERPRETATION: The ability to interpret and explain what is said when the gift of tongues/languages is used.

Conclusion...

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What are some key themes and ideas that Paul stresses in verses 7-11 about the Spirit's role and work in the gifts that are mentioned?
2. How can we learn and discover what gifts God has entrusted to us?
3. What kinds of gifts do you easily value and highly esteem? What kinds of gifts are you tempted to ignore and think are less-important? Why do you think that is?
4. How have you seen the Spirit working in the brothers and sisters around you? How can you encourage them by what you've seen and observed?
5. Why is humility important when it comes to an understanding of and the practice of Spiritual gifts?