

WORSHIP

I Stand in Awe of You
My Heart Sings Praises
He Giveth More Grace

WELCOME

Have you ever received gifts that you really love or desire? How about the times when you received gifts that you do not like? How does it feel in both cases?

WORD**1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-7,11**
(READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

Preaching is disturbing those that are comforted. Teaching is comforting those that are disturbed. In this chapter Paul is trying to teach the believers in Corinth.

Corinthian church faced difficulties and problems with spiritual gifts which is accounted in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14. Chapter 12 deals about the theology of spiritual gifts, how it works, how it's designed and its purpose. Chapter 13 teaches us the right attitude as we exercise our spiritual gifts. Chapter 14 talks about the exercise or how to apply our spiritual gifts in the church.

Every Christian has a spiritual gift given by the Holy Spirit so we can help each other and we can see that in 1 Corinthians 12 verses 7, 11 and 18. We receive those spiritual gifts at salvation, the moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior.

A spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service. – Charles Ryrie, Basic Theology, 367

A spiritual gift is a spiritual capacity for development. – Earl Radmacher, Sermon on Gifts

Spiritual Gifts are NOT:

- a.) A Place of Service: the gift is the ability, not where the ability is used. It's not a location.
- b.) Age Group Ministry: the gift is the ability, not who benefits from it.
- c.) Natural Talents: the gift is the ability, not whether it came at birth.

Spiritual gifts are only those mentioned in the Word of God.

New testament spiritual gifts include teaching, evangelism, pastor-teacher, encouraging, administration, faith, giving, service, showing mercy, apostleship, wisdom, knowledge, prophecy, discerning spirits, tongues, interpretation, miracles and healings.

I. Theology of Spiritual Gifts**A. Introduction: Seeing Christ as God (verse 1-3)**

Understanding gifts begin with seeing Christ as God. God the Father is God, the Holy Spirit is God, Jesus Christ

**WEEKLY
PRAYER POINTS****I. Thanksgiving**

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's help and comfort, salvation for Israel, wisdom for their leaders in government, military and their soldiers as they defend themselves against terrorists' attacks.
- Rescue of the Israelites taken as hostages.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; conflict in African, East Asian and Middle East countries to stop.

III. Church

- CCFers would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

MEMORY VERSE**1 Corinthians 12:13**

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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the Son is God. But the Father is not the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is not the Son and the Son is not the Father. The Holy Trinity.

B. Unity of Spiritual Gifts (verse 4-11)

The Holy Spirit gives each of us spiritual gifts.

Believers are given varieties of gifts, ministries and effects by the same Spirit, Lord and God. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. The purpose of the spiritual gifts is not to enhance you but to enhance others.

Our different gifts are united in the triune God.

God the Spirit gives(distributes) the spiritual gifts (verse 4).

God the Son appoints the place or location of the ministry of the gifts (verse 5).

God the Father empowers or gives the energy operative through the gifts in the place of ministry (verse 6).

The Holy Spirit alone chose the gift that you got. He alone decides which gift each person should have because He knows best. One evidence of the Spirit's work in your life is your spiritual gift (verse 7-11).

Using your spiritual gifts can highly encourage you but that is not the purpose of spiritual gifts that is the result.

C. Diversity (verse 12-31)**1. Reason for Diversity (12-13)**

For we (Christians) were all baptized by one Spirit into one body (verse 13), the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Illustration of Diversity (14-26)

Believers with less honored gifts should not feel unneeded (verse 15-16).

There is no spiritual gift that all of us have. God has arranged the parts, each one of them in the body, just as He desired.

3. The Application of Us (27-31)

All are not apostles, but we are to earnestly desire the greater gifts.

Emphasize the gifts that edify the most members (verse 31).

God wants us to know our spiritual gifts and to use our gifts for the His glory.

Discussion Questions

1. What is your spiritual gift? What gift do you think others in your group possess?
2. How would you suggest others determine what their spiritual gift is?
3. How do I know others see me as a person who loves? Does my CCF friends think I am loving?
4. In the descriptions of love in chapter 13, what is one or two areas I need to work on to be more loving?