

TOGETHER

DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNITY

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1 Corinthians 12:4-11

INTRODUCTION:

A. God equips His people to influence others (4-7).

1. The gifts come from the Spirit (4).

1Cor. 12:4 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;*

2. The people & places to use them come from the Lord Jesus (5).

1Cor. 12:5 *and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;*

3. The influence for good comes from the Father (6).

1Cor. 12:6 *and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.*

4. Don't miss the Trinity!

5. The Spirit is thus revealed & others profited (7).

1Cor. 12:7 *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

B. Here are nine examples of such gifts (8-10 cp 13:8-10 & 14:21-22).

1Cor. 12:8 *For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.*

1. These gifts were creating division in Corinth.

2. There seem to be three categories of gifts.

*Wisdom & knowledge (8)
Faith through distinguishing spirits (9-10a)
Tongues & their interpretation (10b)*

3. Paul considered each category temporary.

1Cor. 13:8 *Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.*

C. The Spirit oversees the entire process (11).

1Cor. 12:11 *All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

1. Be reminded of these truths.
2. And, never forget: He gifts us according to His determination.

1Cor. 12:31 *But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

Have these truths become life-changers yet?

1. What do you most enjoy doing while spending time with believers?
2. Assess how God has used you most up to this time in your life.
3. Can you see any ways in which God has distinctively used you? This could be a specific people or segment thereof, or in particular situations.
4. According to 12:5 the Lord Jesus determines in what "service" (or ministry) to use our gifts. How does this shape our current and future ministry? What attitude will this fact create about ministry?
5. How can you use 1 Corinthians 12:6 to stimulate godly confidence in serving people?
6. Do you feel like you need help, support, or training to more effectively use the gift(s) God has given you? Ask someone you trust for guidance or suggestions as to whom you might turn for such help.
7. What are a few immediate reactions to the truth in 12:7 that the good of the body results from your service? Honor? Scared? Sobered? Anxious?

SONGS

"King of Heaven" - Paul Baloche, Jason Ingram

"God Is For Us" - James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Kleyn, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

"Good Good Father" - Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett

"In Christ Alone" - Stanfill

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$28,618.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,183,895.00
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,224,265.00