

The Holy Spirit Equipping People

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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I. Spiritual gifts help to reveal the Gospel. 1 Corinthians 12:7-8

1. 1 Corinthians 12 is not an _____ list of all the different gifts of the Holy Spirit.
2. The Lord is Almighty, so He can gift anyone He so chooses to do great things for Him and by _____ mighty power.
3. Not all Christians agree about the meaning of these gifts.
4. Every true believer has been given at least _____ gift.

The gift of **wisdom** is the ability to speak forth the **wisdom** of God in a situation where special wisdom is needed from the Lord, through the _____.

- **Knowledge** is the Greek word *gnosis*, which is **knowledge** of things lawful and unlawful for Christians, with moral wisdom, such as is seen in _____ living. (Strong's G-1108)

II. Spiritual gifts build up the Church. 1 Corinthians 12:9

The **gift of faith** is the ability to _____ God even when the circumstances appear to make the situation impossible. Think about Peter, when he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

- "It is true that the **faith**, which I am enabled to exercise, is altogether God's own gift; it is true that He _____ supports it, and that He alone can increase it..." (George Mueller)

The Lord heals people today by His power; sometimes He uses modern medicine, sometimes by an unexplainable miracle, and other times He takes someone to _____ to be completely healed.

III. Spiritual gifts are used to spread the Gospel. 1 Corinthians 12:10

1. **The working of miracles**, which is the working of _____.
2. The next gift mentioned is **prophecy**.

"At a broad level the idea of the gift of **prophecy** refers to any and all ability to communicate God's saving _____ to others." (Robert Lindsey)

3. The gift of **discerning of spirits**.

If someone claims to be a prophet, other Christians should go to the New Testament to _____ what they are saying.

4. **Different kinds of tongues**.

In the Greek, the word **tongues** means the _____ or dialect used by a particular people distinct from that of other nations.

- "When **tongues** are practiced in the corporate life of the church, it is to be carefully controlled, and _____ without an interpretation given by the Holy Spirit." (Guzik)

IV. Spiritual gifts are used to empower ministry. 1 Corinthians 12:11

The Holy Spirit empowers Christ followers for the Gospel ministry. The goal of Spiritual gifts is love, as we are equipped to do the _____ of Christ's ministry. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 12:7-8**. Discuss the four topics discussed in point I. of the sermon note sheet. *What is the difference between (biblical) wisdom and knowledge?* **John 15:26, Acts 27:10, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Peter 4:8-11, 2 Peter 1:20-21**
2. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**. *Why are the gifts given to Christ followers?*
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:9**. Discuss the different gifts mentioned within point II. of the sermon note sheet. *How is the gift of faith different than saving faith?* **Ephesians 2:8-9**
4. Read **1 Corinthians 12:10**. Discuss the different gifts mentioned within point III. of the sermon note sheet. **Matthew 24:24, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:30-31, 1 John 4:1, Revelation 22:18-19**
5. Read **1 Corinthians 12:10**. Discuss how a Christian receives a Spiritual gift and how we are empowered to use that gift. *How can we maintain unity within the Body of Christ using Spiritual gifts?* **1 Peter 4:10-11**