

Gifts and Unity
1 Corinthians 12:1-7

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I. Instruction. 1 Corinthians 12:1

Having a Spiritual gift is not an end in itself, because the goal of Spiritual gifts is love. In fact, Paul says Spiritual gifts are meaningless unless they are exercised in the _____ of love. **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

- The LORD changed Jacob's name from heel catcher or manipulator to Israel, which means man _____ by God. **Genesis 32:28**

The purpose of Spiritual gifts, are for _____ and not ourselves.

II. Calling Jesus your Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:2-3

Gentile pagans had many superstitions, so Paul did not want these Christians at Corinth _____ pagan practices and pagan superstitions with an actual working for the Holy Spirit.

- **John 16:14 He (the Holy Spirit) will _____ Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. NKJV**

Jesus means Yahweh saves. **Lord** means master, owner, and _____. **God** in **Romans 10:9** is the Greek word *Theos*; which means supreme deity, the Godhead, or Trinity. (Vine's Expository Dictionary) **Romans 10:9-10**

III. Diversity and unity. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Because there is only One God and One giver of the gifts and the gifts are meant to edify His _____ the Church.

- The word **gifts** in **vs. 4** is the Greek word *charisma* which according to Strong's means *a favor with which one receives without any merit of his own; the _____ of divine grace.*

Ministries, is the word for gifted _____ offices in the Church.

- The word **activities** means, _____ or effective operation.

IV. Who are the manifestations of the gifts for? 1 Corinthians 12:7

"Yet the one God has a glorious diversity in the way He does things. We should never expect it to be all according to our own emphasis and _____." (David Guzik)

- Jesus is the only One who is _____ of all praise, glory and honor; so if we are exercising Spiritual gifts, they are to be done in His power and for His Glory to edify His body! **1 Peter 4:10-11**

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 12:1**. Discuss the ways the Church at Corinth was ignorant about the Lord's Spiritual gifts. *What were some of the abuses then; what are some of the abuses today? What is the goal of Spiritual gifts?*
1 Corinthians 13:1-3
2. Read **Genesis 32**. Discuss the transformation of Jacob into Israel. *How did Jacob handle life's stresses prior to wrestling with the Lord?*
1 Corinthians 2:14, Galatians 5:17, Romans 8:6
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:2-3** and discuss how the Corinthian Christians were confusing pagan practices with Spiritual gifts. *What does it mean to confess the Lord Jesus from **Romans 10:9-10**? What is the Holy Spirit's function according to Jesus from **John 16**?*
Isaiah 2:5-6, John 15:26, John 16:13-15
4. Discuss the words; **gifts, ministries, and activities** from point III. of the sermon note sheet.
1 Corinthians 12:20, 1 Corinthians 12:30-31, Ephesians 4:11, Philippians 2:12-13
5. Read **1 Corinthians 12:7** and discuss who the manifestations of the gifts are for.
1 Corinthians 14:12 and 33, 1 Peter 4:10-11