



PART 4: GIFTED PART 1

Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Introduction

1. What is a Spiritual Gift?

Spiritual Gift: Any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the church, whether in a church service, or in our ministry to the world.

Spiritual gifts are the tools we need to carry out the mission God gave us.

Scriptures listing Spiritual gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; 12:28; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:10-11.

A spiritual gift can be a natural tendency that the Holy Spirit uses to create spiritual blessing.

2. What are Spiritual Gifts for?

1 Corinthians 12:7, 1 Peter 4:10

- a) The gifts are for service, not self
- b) The gifts are for service, not segregation

1 Corinthians 12:12 - The body of Christ

“You don’t need the gift of picking up garbage in the parking lot to pick up garbage in the parking lot” ~Al Funk

3. What was going on in Corinth?

1 Corinthians 12:1

Ignorance leads to misuse, abuse or neglect of the Spiritual Gifts

4. How can I grow in the Spiritual Gifts?

The context of the early church indicates that their church gatherings looked a lot like our Life Groups: small house meetings that enabled more people to express their gifts.

5. How can I discover my Spiritual Gifts?

Do the Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Ask yourself these questions:

- 1) What am I good at?
- 2) What do I enjoy?
- 3) How has God used me in the past?
- 4) What do others say about me?
- 5) What have I not tried?

Conclusion:

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If not, ask around the room to see if anyone else has any insights on your gifts.
2. If you have time, do the Spiritual Gifts assessment as a group and share your results.

Study & Discussion:

1. The Bible doesn't have a complete list of the Gifts of the Spirit, but there are many listed: prophecy, serving, teaching, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues, teaching, helps, administration.
 - Do you see any of these gifts represented in our church? How? Which would you like to see more of? Which do you not quite understand?
2. Read Romans 12:3-8. What does this passage say about Spiritual gifts? How role does humility have in the expression of spiritual gifts (v. 3). How does the metaphor of "one body" (v. 4) relate to spiritual gifts?

Application:

1. How can your Life Group encourage the use of Spiritual Gifts in all of your meetings?

Prayer:

1. Spend time praying for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to begin displaying the Gifts of the Spirit
2. Other Requests
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