

May 27, 2018
I Corinthians 12

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I. Introduction: What Is Your Spiritual Gift?

“Now about Spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be **ignorant**.” I Corinthians 12:1 (NIV)

“I do not want you to be **unaware**” (NASB)

I do not want you to be **uninformed**.” (ESV)

“Follow the way of love and **eagerly desire spiritual gifts**.” I Corinthians 14:1

II. Who Has Them?

Answer: _____: You are gifted by God

Illustration: A Rabbit On The Swim Team

III. When Do You Receive Spiritual Gifts?

Answer: The Moment You _____ Christ

IV. What is a Spiritual Gift?

Answer: A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability, that Christ gives us which enable us to perform a function in the body of Christ with effectiveness and ease.” Chuck Swindoll

A Spiritual Gift is a special gift, that is given by the Holy Spirit, to every member of the body of Christ, according to God's grace, for use within the context of the Body of Christ, so that the church can grow and mature and that God be honored and glorified. Peter Wagner

V. What Are Some Spiritual Gifts?

Answer: See I Corinthians 12:8-10; I Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; I Peter 4:9-10; Exodus 31:3; I Timothy 2:1-2; Psalm 150:3-5

VI. Why Is It Important To Know About Spiritual Gifts

- It Will Benefit _____
- It Will Benefit _____
- It Will Honor and _____ The Lord

VII. How Do I Discover My Spiritual Gift

- _____ The Bible And Pray
- Take A _____ Inventory
- _____ Trial and Error
- Seek _____

Points To Ponder
Week of May 28th to June 3rd
I Corinthians 12:1-11

Open It

1. *What is one unique talent or ability you have (whether useful or pointless)?
2. How did you find out what your greatest interests were?

Explore It

3. *Why did Paul give the Corinthians advice about spiritual gifts? (12:1)
4. What was the condition of the Corinthians when they were pagans? (12:2)
5. Why can someone speaking by the Spirit of God not say, "Jesus be cursed"? (12:3)
6. What is the only way a person can say, "Jesus is Lord"? (12:3)
7. *What common element exists in the diversity of gifts, service, and working? (12:4-6)
8. Who works through the various gifts Christians have? (12:4-6)
9. Who is given the manifestation of the Spirit? (12:7)
10. For whose good is the manifestation of the Spirit given? (12:7)
11. *What spiritual gifts did Paul describe? (12:8-10)
12. Who determines how the gifts are distributed? (12:11)

Get It

13. How are we ignorant about spiritual gifts today?
14. *What spiritual gifts have you seen used in your local church?
15. What happens when Christians do not use their gifts?
16. *What person you know would be encouraged by the knowledge that God gives a spiritual gift to every Christian?
17. What is your spiritual gift?
18. If you do not know what your spiritual gift is, what can you do to find out?
19. How can you use your spiritual gift for the good of the people in your church?
20. What spiritual gifts have you seen in the lives of other Christians?
21. What can you learn from other Christians who faithfully use their spiritual gifts?
22. What Christian discouraged by failure can you challenge to use the gifts God has given him or her?

Apply It

23. *How can you use your spiritual gift this week for the benefit of others in your church?
24. What observation could you share with another Christian to help him or her identify or use a spiritual gift?

