

## “INTERDEPENDENT NOT INDEPENDENT GIFTINGS”

I Corinthians 12:12-31

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Independence, the divisive by-product of carnal worship: *(Heb. 10:25)*
  - 1. Divisive carnality – life about me and my needs: *(I Cor. 3:1-3)*
  - 2. Tainted worship - **getting vs. giving**: *(See back)*
  - 3. Independence rather than interdependence: *(Heb. 10:25)*
- B. Three terms to define for Biblically structured local churches:
  - 1. Talents: *(See back)*
  - 2. Spiritual gifts: *(See back)*
  - 3. Deacon/elder offices: *(I Tim. 3; Tit. 1-2)*
- C. Two groups that make up any local church:
  - 1.
  - 2.

### II. MANY MEMBERS, BUT JUST ONE LOCAL BODY:

- A. Unity in the “gift” of the Holy Spirit: **vv. 12-13**
  - 1.
  - 2.
- B. Diversity in the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit: **vv. 14-31**
  - 1. The need for differing functions: **vv. 14-20**
    - a.
    - b.
  - 2. The need for mutual dependence: **vv. 21-27**
    - a.
    - b.
    - c.
  - 3. The need for an appropriate response: **vv. 28-31**
    - a.
    - b.

### III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

A.

B.

C.

#### SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

## WORSHIP

Worship – (proskuneo) – “to kiss toward” conveying the idea of showing reverence or surrendering obeisance. It is a subjective feeling of awe, reverent humility, and respect as well as an objective activity of bowing, praising, prioritizing, and serving in prompt obedience. It is defined simply in Isaiah 46:6b as “they fall down, yea, they worship”. It rarely in Scripture has anything to do with music evidenced by a journey through any Bible concordance. Our religious community has been enticed to redefine this Biblical term to make it less convicting and more relationally palatable to our carnal culture.

“From ‘shachah’ in the Hebrew Old Testament to ‘proskuneo’ in the Greek New Testament, worship is ALWAYS bowing physically or internally in submission to Jesus Christ. A heart that is not bowing in submission, is not worshipping.” Ron Owen (See Gen. 18:2; Mt. 2:11; 4:9; 28:9)

The basic elements of worship as specifically stated in Mt. 2 with the group of wise men, focus on three vital components:

1. **Bowing** to display complete submission to authority:
2. **Giving** generously at the expense of **getting**: gold – kingship, frankincense – fragrance of all known sin confessed, myrrh – the humbling and expensive death penalty paid for my sin debt:
3. Prompt **obedience** - wise men and then Joseph: (Jn. 10:27)

## Talents

Talents are special abilities that I have prior to salvation and they can be lost by abuse, misuse, or neglect. Examples include vocal, musical, mental, physical strength etc. characteristics.

## Spiritual Gifts

“Spiritual gifts are special abilities that equip me to function as an essential part in the local body of Christ with ease and success. They are given to me at the moment of my salvation by the Holy Spirit and each born again believer has at least one. Since it is an unconditional gift, it can’t be lost or taken away. Spiritual gifts can be broken down into three basic headings which are service gifts, support gifts, and sign gifts.”

- The point – “Spiritual gifts were given with someone other than yourself in mind. They were not given for individual enjoyment, but for corporate employment.”