

L116 | I Corinthians | Gifts, Administrations, Operations | I Cor. 12:4-7

I. Intro/Review:

- Spiritual Gifts
- Ignorance #1 - forgotten what they were carried away with as Gentiles
 - "dumb idols" - mute, but also without understanding
- Ignorance #2 - no man calleth Jesus accursed by the Spirit of God
- Jesus Christ the Lord
 - Creation
 - Resurrection - preeminence

II. Preview:

- Gifts, Administration, Operations
 - The Godhead Working
 - Operations - God
 - Administrations - Lord
 - Gifts - Spirit
- Gifts & Graces the Spoils of Resurrection
- Differences and Sameness

III. Sermon:

- Gifts, Administrations, Operations

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And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

{1 Corinthians 12:4-6}

- **Initial Observations**

1. Words denote activity, business, work, power, energy

- Operations - (1 Cor. 12:10 - "working") (en-erg-ay-mah | energy)
 - The act or process of operating; the exertion of power
- Administrations - ministry, ministering, ministration, service, serving, office
 - Eph. 4:12 - "for the work of the ministry"
 - 1 Tim. 1:12 - "putting me into the ministry;"
 - 2 Tim. 4:11 - "...Take Mark...for he is profitable to me for the ministry."
 - Heb. 1:14 - "are they not all ministering spirits, sent for **to minister**"
 - Rev. 2:19 - "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith..."

- Gifts - (charisma | charis = grace)
 - Favour, grace, gracious, benefit

2. God is working, laboring (His ministry, His working, His labor)

- Jn. 4:34 - "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."
 - 2 Tim. 4:7 - "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"
- Jn. 5:17 - "...My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."
 - Col. 1:29 - "whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily."
- Jn. 9:4 - "I must work the works of Him that sent me..."
 - 2 Cor. 6:1 - "We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

3. God has given to us to engage in what He is doing

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- Rom. 12:3 - "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."
 - We each have been given a ministry, an office and the grace to carry it out to labor in an operation(s) of God.

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4. The relationship of operations, administrations, and gifts

- Operation divine family
 - Operation - Eph. 1:5 - Father predestinated us unto the adoption of children
 - Administration - Eph. 1:5 - by Jesus Christ
 - Gift - Eph. 1:13 - ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise
- Operation - Eph. 3:11 - eternal purpose which He purposed
- Administration - Eph. 3:11- in Christ Jesus our Lord in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.
- Gift - Eph. 2:18 - For through Him (Christ) we both have access by

one Spirit unto the Father.

- Operation divine government
 - Operation - Col. 1:12 - hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance...translated into the kingdom of His dear Son
 - Administration - Col. 1:15-20 - Christ creation and resurrection
 - Gift - Col. 2:10-12 - operation of God - the Spirit of God
- There are operations within the gathering together of believers, with administrations of the Lord, and enabled by these gifts, these graces.
 - What does that mean?
 - These graces are not vain or without significance, but rather they are significant and have intent, purpose, and reason behind them.
- 5. Paul has in view the operation of founding, building, and perfecting the church the body of Christ.
- 6. Spiritual gifts are spoils of resurrection
 - Eph. 4:7-10
 - Ps. 68:18

**But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
{1 Corinthians 12:7}**

IV. Conclusion: