

L117 | I Corinthians | Manifestation of the Spirit | I Cor. 12:4-7

I. Intro/Review:

- Gifts, Administrations, Operations
 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
 - 2 Cor. 6:1 - "We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."
 - 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

II. Preview:

- Diversities/Differences but the Same
 - Gifts, Administrations, Operations
 - Operations

- Manifestation of the Spirit to Profit All

III. Sermon:

**Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
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}**

- **Diversities/Differences but the Same**

1. Division, distribution, distinction, variety

- "diversities of gifts"
- "differences of administrations"
- "diversities of operations"
- Ignorance #3
 - 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
 - Ignorance #3 - not all the gifts are the same, nor are supposed to be the same
- There are different operations of God that He works, there are different administrations of Christ, and different gifts of the Spirit.
 - Example of God's operations He works
 - Ps. 8:6 - "...works of thy hands..."
 - Ps. 9:1 - "I will shew forth thy marvelous works"
 - Ps. 24:1 - A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
 - {Psa 28:5} Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.
 - {Isa 5:12} And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.
 - What are God's operations He works, that Christ is ministering, and the Spirit was giving gifts to enable?
 - 1. Perfection
 - 1 Cor. 1:10 - all speak the same thing, no schisms, perfectly joined together in the same mind and judgment
 - 1 Cor. 2:6 - among them that are perfect (wisdom of the world vs. the wisdom of God)

2. Work of the Ministry

- 1 Cor. 9:19-27
- 1 Cor. 10:31-33
- 2 Cor. 6:1-3

3. Edification of the Church

- 1 Cor. 14:3 - edification of the church
- 1 Cor. 14:12 - edifying of the church
- 1 Cor. 14:26 - let all things be done unto edifying

- Eph. 4:11-12
 - Perfecting of the saints
 - Work of the ministry
 - Edification of the body
 - Eph. 4:16 - edifying of itself in love by the measure working effectually in every part

- The gifts ministered to work these operations in one way or another
 - Physically
 - Spiritually
 - Orderliness
 - Soundness
 - Comfort
 - With the word of God, giving, ruling, helping, etc

2. Same

- Ignorance #4 - the diversity of gifts, administrations, and operations of the Spirit, Lord, and God doesn't mean there is another Spirit, Lord, and God.
 - Such diversity in their past indicated different gods, lords, spirits.

- Although the gifts, administrations, and operations may be different they are the same Spirit, Lord, and God.
 - Different gifts doesn't mean it is a different Spirit or another Jesus

 - Received the Spirit by virtue of all believing the same message
 - 1 Cor. 15:1-4
 - 1 Cor. 4:15
 - 1 Cor. 8:1-6

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

- **Manifestation of the Spirit to Profit All**
 - **"But the manifestation of the Spirit"**
 - By virtue of the gifts

- **"is given to every man to profit withal."**
 - "is given" - grace
 - "to every man" -
 - Spiritual gifts given by the Spirit of God for the administrations of the Lord to carry out the operations of God are given to every man, that is, every believer in Christ (in the gospel), to profit withal.
- Ignorance #5 - spiritual gifts are not for self-profit as idols were tokens of covetousness (Col. 3:5)

IV. Conclusion: