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Many Gifts, One Source Pastoral Notes

1st Corinthians 12:7-11

Please turn to 1st Corinthians 12... we will be focusing on verses 8 through 11 this morning... continuing what we began last week... a miniseries within a series... chapters 12, 13, and 14 of 1st Corinthians are concerning spiritual gifts.

This is more teaching than preaching this morning...

We would not be exaggerating in saying that this topic of spiritual gifts is a controversial topic... denominations have been torn apart and new denominations have formed due to the differing views on the gifts.

What are meant to be tools for edification given to us by God Himself has through sinful man become an often disunifying and paralyzing practice... this should not be so... God has given us what we need to understand and practice spiritual gifts in this book...

If we are vigilant to stay in God's word and not stray off in frivolous opinion and speculation... these gifts can actually be used the way God wants them to be used... for the building up of the body of Jesus Christ... His church.

If you are a Christian, a believer and follower of Jesus Christ... you should be very interested in this subject... an not so unusual statement made by Christians is *I don't need the church... I can be a Christian without being a part of the church... after all the church is made up of a bunch of...hypocrites... difficult people... I can have my own one person church.*

Well... you can... but you will be outside of God's will... His plan...and you don't understand the body of Christ...these three chapters would not be in the Bible if the church was not a vital part of God's plan.

God designed the church... the body of Christ with different gifts to build up not just each other...but the body of Jesus Christ... for two reasons... to glorify God and to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.... More on the body of Christ next week.

We ended with verse seven last week... **But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable...** you do not need any spiritual gifts if you are alone in the wilderness for the rest of your life.

The purpose of Spiritual Gifts are to bring unity and harmony in the body of Jesus Christ... it is to build the body up in Christ...every part of the body of Christ...in other words all believers in Christ have at least one gift...to do what is profitable for the church.

Spiritual gifts are not natural talents... Spiritual gifts cannot be learned or acquired through one's effort... The gifts are given by the Holy Spirit... if you are a Christian you have the Holy Spirit... The gifts are the result of the Holy Spirit working in you... the gifts are actually evidence that you have the Holy Spirit...

The spiritual gifts are NOT *for* the ones with the gifts...the gifts are for others in the corporate body of Christ...as one said *gifts are designed for ministry not for indulgence*...gifts are not to promote an individual's personal status... we should NOT regard ourselves as "gifted".

Gifts are not to be used to elevate my image...give me prestige or give me status in the community...because I have NOTHING to do with getting the gift... it wasn't any talent emanating from me... or any personal effort.

Let's begin with this...we need to understand there is great controversy within the church regarding spiritual gifts... there are churches that believe that the gifts are not for the church today... and churches who so OVER emphasize the gifts of the Spirit... the two ends of the spectrum... and many, many in between views.

This is why this section of Scripture we are in is so vital for us to carefully examine as a church...here's a novel idea... why don't we try to just let the Word of God speak!... we will search the Scriptures together...we're not going to guess what these verses mean... we're not going to speculate...I'll share some views at times... point out the controversies... but I want to rely on what the Bible says for our conclusions...

We need to take all this very seriously because there are indeed false gifts... false "spirits"... as we will see even Satan has miraculous abilities...these are attempts to reverse the mission of spiritual gifts... to bring disunity, strife, and confusion into the body of Christ...so we need to be discerning with all this.

Here's a short test to help you determine if a gift...or any spiritual activity for that matter is from the Holy Spirit... or is it something else.

1. Is what is before you glorifying, teaching of, pointing to Jesus Christ?
2. Or is it a distraction to the above...does it elevate something/someone other than Jesus?
3. Is it consistent to Scripture?...Does it add to Scripture? (New revelation?)

Read 1st Corinthians 12:7-11

Part of our problem as humans is that we like things nice, tidy and neat... we like our theology tight and put into simple boxes that make sense to us... God is not easy to put in a box... AMEN?... but we try to understand everything including the things we cannot fully understand...

So we end up with different "camps" when it comes to spiritual gifts...three main camps

1. The Cessationist— who says that the spiritual gifts are no longer in existence today... they have all “ceased”... all of them. God had a purpose for them back in the Bible days but they are no longer needed... so they ALL have stopped...

2. The Continuationist—Who says “no, the gifts are all still in existence today, they never “ceased”...so today you have the speaking in tongues... the gifts of healing...prophesy... the gift of faith.... All the gifts that the 1st century church had... all the gifts the apostles had... they are still in existence today.

There is a third camp... There is no official name for this camp... let’s call it

3. The Partial Cessationist view ... who make a distinction between the gifts...there are the 1. **Permanent gifts** and 2. **The temporary gifts**.... Also known as “the sign gifts”....SOME of the gifts are no longer in existence... others are and will continue on.... If you’re in one of those three camps... fine

I will be up front with my camp... I came to my conclusions using God’s Word... but I have to say many in the other camps used God’s Word for their arguments as well... but you might as well know where I am TODAY..... and that camp is the Partial Cessationsist....permanent and temporary gifts...

1. The permanent gifts are ongoing gifts that are still in existence today. They have a distinct purpose of “edifying the church”... building up the church... gifts that the church will always need until Jesus raptures His church.

For instance... all the verbal gifts—wisdom, knowledge, prophesy, teaching and exhortation..... and the non-verbal gifts—leadership, gift of helps, hospitality, mercy, discernment...

2. The temporary gifts or the sign gifts had a distinct purpose and that was to “confirm the Word of God”... these gifts were temporary and have *mostly* all ceased today... they were limited to the days of the apostles... those who wrote the New Testament.

To help the apostles “authenticate” their message soon to be known as the New Testament... The Holy Spirit gave them gifts to help affirm their message... to validate their message... that it was from God....

This is the same reason Jesus performed the miracles... it confirmed his deity...and His mission...All the miracles He did were to glorify God, help others, and prove that He was indeed who He said He was—the Son of God.... and the “sign gifts” confirmed and validated the apostles authority.

So.. those gifts would include miracles, healing, speaking in tongues, and interpretation of tongues....the partial cessationist says these have ceased.... I should add... that if you go back into early church history... the end of the first century and those early centuries that followed... the early church fathers....

The like of Tertullian... Origen...Augustine... they all embraced the partial cessationist view... the sign gifts ceased at the end of the Apostolic Age... WE DON'T NEED THOSE GIFTS NOW THAT WE HAVE THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD...

Now... this is important... the Partial Cessationist view does NOT believe that God does not do miracles today... they do NOT believe that God no longer heals... its just that now God no longer uses “men” as agents of the miracles and healings... He does it Himself.

But two things I want you to do

1. Search the Scriptures yourself

Search them on your own... carefully...be Bereans of Acts 17

11...**they (the Bereans) received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.**

If you have examined the Scriptures... and you've done your homework... and you and me have a few disagreements regarding the Spiritual Gifts... that's ok... IT IS OK TO HAVE *SOME* DIFFERING VIEWS ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS. WE CAN STILL BE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST... WE CAN STILL FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

I say “some” differences because if your views are off the plantation...conclusions made apart from God's Word... and you've entered into some crazy camp of spiritual wackiness... that's another story....so...the second thing...

2. This is not a salvation issue.

We can have brothers and sisters who believes tongues have ceased fellowshiping with brothers and sisters who believe the gifts of tongues are for today...so let's get into the gifts.

Read verses 8-10

- ***This is not a complete list of spiritual gifts***... this is just a sampling of the gifts... only nine of the gifts are listed... I think the immediate context of this passage is Paul addressing the problem of the Corinthian church over emphasizing... over interested in and over practicing one spiritual gift.... The gift of tongues.

I think this becomes clear by the time we get to chapter 14....I mentioned last week that the Corinthian church was used to the idea of speaking in tongues from practicing a form of it in the pagan temples... the called the practice “ecstasy” if you remember....a heathen, pagan practice.

Paul is wanting them to move off this obsession with tongues.... So he reminds them that there are many more gifts... many more important gifts.... It is likely that these nine gifts listed here are listed by importance.... Some gifts are more important than others... tongues and the interpretation of tongues are the last two gifts mentioned... they are the least important of the gifts.

Nine gifts are mentioned here... but over in Romans 12:6-8 there is an additional 7 with some overlap... Ephesians 4:11 lists four gifts.... Again with some overlap... most include Peter's mention of "hospitality" as a gift in 1st Peter 4:9-10.... Add all those up there are 21 or so listed gifts...

But even all of them together are but a "sampling" of the many (if not unlimited) gifts that the Holy Spirit uses within believers.... Let's look at all the gifts for a few minutes... To make this easier to understand... I want to put these gifts into five different categories.

1. Special gifts—to equip God's people.

The purpose of these gifts is to help equip God's people to use their gifts... the gifts are actually people... they are listed in Ephesians 4:11 **And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.**

Verse 12 tells us what they, the gifts to the church, are to do... **for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ...** they are to come alongside those in the church and equip them to use their gifts... how do they equip them?... with God's Word...the Bible... Scripture.

2 Timothy 3:16-17... this is the context of this great verse: **All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.**

The Bible equips us... you don't need anything else!... don't tell that to the annual 1.2 billion dollars Christian book industry...so special gifts... These are very special gifts...people.

2. Speaking gifts—to explain God's truth.

To explain God's truth...there are five listed...These include the gifts of **prophecy, Teaching** (R12) ...could be the gift of teaching one on one or in large groups... teaching is different than preaching... teaching instructs for the purpose of gaining knowledge... preaching instructs for the purpose of changing a life.

Exhortation (R12)...to admonish (some do this without the gift!) or encourage, **The Word of wisdom and the Word of knowledge** (1C12:8) we'll talk about these today...*so Special gifts... Speaking gifts...* and

3. Serving Gifts—to enable God's work... leadership, administrative, ministerial, sharing, mercy, faith and discernment.

4. Support Gifts—to enable God's people...often in the background... the unseen people... giving, helps, hospitality (not being Martha Stewart folding napkins... but reaching out to strangers)...**support gifts are always being motivated by relieving someone.** (dog down...)

5. Sign Gifts—established God’s authority... miracles, healing, tongues and interpretation of tongues.

Let’s look in more detail at the gifts that are listed in 1st Corinthians chapter 12

Read verse 8

Word of wisdom—Solomon said... *“Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom”*... there is no doubt we need wisdom... and this book... the Bible is full of wisdom and it is available to us... we just need to read it... in one sense... **wisdom is to see life as God sees life**...so the more we indulge into God’s Word,... we see life more and more like God does.

When my thinking begins to align with God’s thinking and I begin to make wise choices... that certainly is wisdom... but that is NOT what the “Word of Wisdom is....The key word is “Word”... highlight that.

It is the “Word” of wisdom...so... this is not something acquired...this is something “given in a moment in time”... it is a “Word”...something that comes to you from God... it could be once... it could be many times in your life... when you get it... it is a “gift” from God to give you “supernatural wisdom” that you would not otherwise have...it comes in a moment of time where God blesses you with His great insight into something...FOR HIS PURPOSE.

Something to note... Jesus Christ had all the gifts, all the time, perfectly... if you want to see great examples of the “Word of Wisdom”... read the gospels.

Remember when Jesus is confronted by the Pharisees... which was always... and they always were asking Jesus questions that appeared to have no winning answer...yet Jesus perfectly answers them.... He does it through having the perfect gift of the Word of Wisdom.

A perfect example of this is when the Pharisees ask Him *“Rabbi, should we pay our taxes?”*...If Jesus said *“yeah, pay your taxes”*...the Pharisees could say to the Jewish community... *this guy is no friend of Israel... He pays His allegiance to the Roman Government!... handing money over to the pagans.*

If He said *Don’t pay your taxes*... they could arrest Him... *There’s this guy telling people not to pay their taxes!...*How do you answer a question like that?... no problem when you have the spiritual gift of the Word of Wisdom...*Show Me the money... who’s inscription is on that coin?...Caesar?... Great!... Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s... Give to God what is God’s!*

Amazing answer!... the woman caught in adultery... *Hey Jesus OUR law says this lady should die... be put to death for adultery... what say you?...*Yes, kill her? That would have erased His message to sinners right?... No don’t kill her would violate the law... what does He say... in the moment of a Word of Wisdom... Jesus says:

You guys are right... the law says that...so let's do it this way... he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Amazing answer!...after answer after answer to tricky, trap questions... Jesus wears them down... Luke tells us that they decided not to ask Jesus any more questions... Also in Luke, Jesus tells His disciples they are to go out into a very dangerous world and share the gospel... and to NOT WORRY ABOUT WHAT TO SAY....He'll take care of that.

Luke 21:15...for I will provide you eloquence and wisdom which none of your adversaries will be able to oppose or refute....the wisdom of God shuts the mouths of men!...The Holy Spirit AS HE WILL dispenses this Word of Wisdom to the Body of Christ.

Word of Knowledge—this is not talking about the guy who can win Jeopardy...this is not naturally acquired knowledge.... There are a lot of educated people that have acquired tons of knowledge... this is not that.

This is like the Word of Wisdom in that it too is given in a moment in time... in a circumstance... it is **the gift from the Holy Spirit that gives one knowledge that they could not otherwise get for a specific situation...** not through any book, You Tube, teacher.

Again Jesus is our greatest example... the woman at the well... Jesus tells her to *go get her husband...* she says *I don't have a husband...* Jesus said *That's right, you've had five husbands and the one you're living with now is not your husband.*

We don't know the look on her face... but you can imagine one of maybe shock... *HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?..... I perceive you to be a prophet!...*How DID He know that?.. that is the Word of Knowledge....

What purpose did that address?... it testified to the woman who He was... and she in turn told everyone she knew and came into contact with about this “prophet Jesus”.... Word of Knowledge always has a kingdom purpose behind it.

There are examples throughout the Bible of people using this gift... Peter when he confronts Ananias about withholding back some of the proceeds from the sale of his property... how in the world would Peter even know that?

Peter says in Acts 5:3 **Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back some of the price of the land?**... that is some major insider information!... Who was the insider?... The Holy Spirit... the Holy Spirit gave Peter the Word of Knowledge..

Remember the purpose of the gifts... they are not to build up the gifted... It might have been tempting for Peter to think *Hey, I'm pretty smart... I'm really something...* the gifts are for the building up of the church... so this gift like all the other spiritual gifts are going to be given for that purpose.

I don't think God is going to give someone the Word of Knowledge when trying to decide which ski boat to buy!... that's knowledge you'll have to acquire on your own.... Unless the ski boat is to get missionaries up the Amazon River!... Spiritual gifts aren't given to wow anyone...

Unfortunately these gifts have been and are being abused today in so many ways... high profile "Preachers" claiming they have these gifts... *I know that someone is sitting out there with a back problem!...HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BACK PROBLEMS?....* of course everyone has a back problem!.... but people are wowed by his great "*supernatural knowledge*"...

*The Lord is telling me there is a couple here today that has friction in their marriage.... WOW! THAT'S AMAZING!.....*No... That really is a tragedy...

Something else... don't get hung up in getting the Word of Knowledge... you can't get it on your own remember... You want wisdom?... stay in God's Word... consume the wisdom readily available in His word... that is ALL you need...

Read verse 9

Faith—This is not talking about saving faith... saving faith... every believer IS saved by faith... and yes, that faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit... but that is not the faith mentioned here... we could call the faith that yields salvation as "**Justifying Faith**"... which all Christians have... and the "**Supernatural endowment of Faith**" which is distributed by the Holy Spirit AS HE WILLS.

This is a hard one to define... one commentator defined this faith like this... *A mysterious surge of confidence which SOMETIME arises within a person in a particular situation or challenge and which gives him an OTHERLY certain and assurance **God** is about to act through word or action.*

We are given the inspiration to step out in something in response to the Holy Spirit that we would not do otherwise... God actually inspires your heart... and gives you confidence...and belief to step out and do something.... Regardless of the critics around you!

Are you crazy!? Have you lost your mind?... the gift of faith is poured upon you and you can say "*I know I am supposed to do this.*"... I think this is the type of faith mentioned in the next chapter... chapter 13:2 **...and if I have the gift of faith, so as to move mountains...**

Which is a faith that does the humanly impossible... "*an extraordinary God given confidence in His saving power and presence informed by the knowledge that HE IS NOW ACTING to sanctify His name in the eyes of all nations.*"

Again... this is all for the edifying of the body of Christ.... NOT for personal profit.... now... here's a controversial one... it shouldn't be... the gifts of healing.

Gifts of healing—Notice that it is not the GIFT of healing but GIFTS of healing... plural... This suggest that the gifts of healing is like the Word of Wisdom and Knowledge... these are distributed by the Holy Spirit as needed...

A great illustration of this is in Acts 3...

Read Acts 3

The gifts of healing... They are given in a moment in time rather than a blanket gift of healing that can be used on demand... the guy on TV that says he can heal anyone anytime does not have the GIFTS of healing... he has a business plan!

This is one of those gifts that the partial cessationist considers to be a sign gift...

God from time to time uses prayer and people in the healing of certain individuals... but this is not normative ... Something to consider... read the Old Testament... miraculous healings are very, very rare... and that is a big book!

When you get past the New Testament... past the apostolic age... you find the same thing... few or no healings... the earliest church fathers don't mention the gift of healing.... When did healing happen?... during the three years of ministry of Christ and through the apostles.... Just a few years compared to the huge span of years surrounding it.

[if on a graph...]

The reason is... when Jesus and the apostles were on the scene... the Bible tells us that these signs... the gift signs did two things... 1. They fulfilled prophesy... and 2. They authenticated the Gospel message.

So now that we have the fully revealed word of God... the complete revelation of God... those two things have been fully achieved... something else to consider... supernatural healings were NEVER done for physical healing only... they only took place when the gospel was arriving on the scene for the first time... to authenticate...

Paul had the gifts of healing... but Paul was sick... many of his travel companions were sick... He tells Timothy... *Go have some wine for your stomach...* why didn't he just heal Timothy... *Feeling sick Tim?... ZAP!....*

Healings were not normative... when Paul entered into a new region to deliver the gospel, he at times performed miracles of healings... his ministry at Malta... his ministry at Lystra... I think that we need to be careful to box God up in this....

No God doesn't heal through people.... Yes God heals through people..... how about God can heal through people when He wants to spread the gospel?... How about places far from the United States that have never heard the gospel... don't have the written word.... Could God enable individuals with special gifts to validate the message of the gospel?... YES????

I am the most cynical doubter in the world when it comes to supernatural claims... when someone tells me God spoke to them... I want to know what He sounds like!... But God is God... the supernatural is natural to Him.... He can work how He wants!

And He gifts according to His purposes... I agree with a commentator that said

The Holy Spirit gives gifts to the body of Christ so that it might fully function in the age in which it finds itself... God worked differently in the first century than He did during the Reformation... and even different today... J. Vernon McGee said I don't believe anybody today is gifted the same way that Martin Luther was in his day.

What can we say definitively?... God still heals today.... Does He heal everybody?... No He does not... thinking about Peter healing the lame man... sitting at the gate of the temple for nearly four decades... we know Jesus went through that gate untold numerous times... and He never healed him...

Jesus at the pool of Bethesda... In Acts 5 we are told about the pool with five porticos by the sheep gate where a “**multitude**” of people who were “**sick, blind, lame and withered**”... they were all waiting for an angel to “stir the waters”.

They believed an angel would come and stir the waters... and the first person to enter the water was thought to be healed from their infirmity [not in the original manuscripts]... there was a man there who had been sick for 38 years...

Jesus sees this man and goes over to talk to him and then heal him... the thing is... Jesus had to walk over the “multitudes” to get to the man!... Jesus didn't heal everyone.... He had a specific purpose in when, who and how He healed someone...

God doesn't heal everyone... everyday... but He can and does heal... That's all I know.

Read verse 10

Working of Miracles—miracles here is an interesting Greek word... it is “*dunamis*”... we get the word “dynamite” from *dunamis*... it means power... might... strength... when Jesus raised the dead... walked on water... turned water into wine... calmed the sea... all these were *dunamis*... miracles. ... by definition... a biblical miracle is ***The privilege of being the channel for the manifestation of God's power to edify the body of Christ.***

Like the gifts of healing... miracles are not normal... remember the graph from the gifts of healing?... the sign gifts?... miracles follows the same thing [expound].... There was a certain period in history... very small one that most of the miraculous took place... Miracles are for the most part absent for vast periods of history both before and after....

Another by the way... the birth of a baby is a most incredible thing... someone the other day said that the birth of a baby is a miracle.... No it isn't! It is a normal!...it happens all the time!

To another prophesy...

Prophesy—according to Paul... prophesy is the most important of all gifts... in chapter 14:1 he says **Pursue love... yet earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy...** this is not the prophesy like the prophets of the Bible had... a few definitions here...

1. The God given ability to declare God's will to the people.
2. Origen—*The meaningful knowledge of unseen things through speech*...m another aspect...
3. Pastoral insights into the needs of persons with the abilities to communicate a God given utterance to the people for edification.... Through a sermon?...

The distinguishing of the spirits—a most important gift for the church today... it is the God given ability to be able to evaluate... investigate... and test a prophetic utterance... the ability to weigh the claims of those speaking for God...

Now... there are a lot of people in the church that have something more like the gift of “suspicion”... *I don't believe anything!...I don't trust anyone....*that's NOT this gift!... it's an annoyance.

This gift enables a person to determine whether someone is preaching another gospel...teaching a false doctrine... this gift was vital in the Corinthian church... people of the church were so over zealous about the work of the Holy Spirit and the obtaining of gifts...

What was greatly needed were gifted people who could distinguish what was from God or what was from man.... Or worse.... Satan.... We need these gifted people!...

The final two concern the speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues... both of which we will go into detail when we get to chapter 14... so we'll save our discussion till then.

Read verse 11

Who decides who gets the gifts?

It is the Holy Spirit who distributes the various gifts TO EACH PERSONas he wills.... **How much do you have to do with spiritual gifts?....**