

401: How to Use the Gifts

Series: Gift-ED (message 5) **Date:** March 28, 2021

1 Corinthians 13:1ff

To be the church, love must guide the gifts.

Without love the gifts are worthless.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- Love is being unfair to yourself for the good of the other.
- John 15:13

“Love is...” will show the way.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Use your spiritual gifts with goodness toward others (v 4).
- 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Ephesians 4:15
- Proverbs 27:6
- Use your spiritual gifts without a self-focus.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Luke 17:10
- 1 Corinthians 13:5
- 1 Corinthians 13:6

This way of love is powerfully permanent.

- 1 Corinthians 13:7
- 1 Corinthians 13:8–13

I'm ready to use my gifts to serve! [START HERE](#)

sermon discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday & Easter Services – Good Friday drama is Friday, April 2 at 5 & 7pm. Seating is limited so be sure to reserve a ticket on easter website. Easter Sunday Services are at 6:30am, 9am, and 11am outdoors at our Trilogy property (corner of Temescal Canyon Rd & Trilogy Pkwy). Get all the info at OBCC.CHURCH/EASTER.

RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Can you think of a time when you gave a gift to someone and it was misused, or a time when you received a gift and you didn't use it in line with the giver's purpose?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-11.** Where have you seen spiritual gifts used to divide Christians rather than build up the church?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.** How would you describe the difference between noise and music? How might differences between music and noise help us understand the necessity of guiding spiritual gifts with love?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.** Of the things that love is NOT in this passage, which do you struggle with most? What would it look like to repent and turn away from that type of attitude or action?
5. **Read Luke 17:10.** Reflecting on this verse, what are some ways that a Christian could respond well when receiving attention for their use of a spiritual gift?
6. **Read Romans 15:5-7.** Can you recall some ways that Jesus served others in love? How might His example help you "be the church"?
7. Think about what you've learned about spiritual gifts the last few weeks. Which gift(s) do you think God has given you that He wants you to practice? What are some ways you could use your gift(s) to serve others (for the first time or in a greater capacity)?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*

John 15:13-14

Explore your gifting by doing one or more of the following:

1) **Join a ministry** (membership class) – text **MEMBERSHIP** to **951-382-5111**.

2) **Discover your spiritual gift** by going to obcc.church/gifts.

3) **Go through the LIVE Christ study (with your group or on your own):** Text LIVE to 951-382-5111 to sign up for the next Live Christ 5-week study or email JustinR@obcc.church to get materials for your small group to do this study together.