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#### Week 7: Gifted: You Too

1 Corinthians 12:1–14

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'Now concerning spiritual gifts: brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unaware. You know that when you were pagans, you used to be enticed and led astray by mute idols.



Therefore, I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.



Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person.



A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good: to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another, faith by the same Spirit,



to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another, interpretation of tongues.



One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills. For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body — so also is Christ.



For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink. Indeed, the body is not one part but many.



"Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to serve the purpose of the gospel. The Holy Spirit first enables us to believe the gospel and then continually re-opens our eyes to its beauties."

- JD Greear



## If you confess that "Jesus is Lord," you've received a spiritual gift.

Ask yourself:

"Do I know my gift(s)? And am I using it?"



### (I) THE SOURCE OF OUR GIFTS GOD IS THE SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

(VV. 4–6)



- Charismata grace-gifts from the same Spirit.
- Diakoniai ministries from the same Lord.
- Energēmata workings from the same God.



1a. You don't have to earn your gift — God already gave it by grace.



1b. Your gift isn't for making you look good — it's for serving others.



1c. You don't have to power your gift — God will work through you.



## If God gave your gift by grace... He must have a purpose for it.



## (2) THE PURPOSE OF OUR GIFTS YOUR GIFT WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE BETTER

(VV. 7–11)



#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7 (CSB)

"To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."



One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills.



#### JOHN 15:5 (CSB)

"Apart from Me, you can do nothing."



Connecting to the Body involves being in relationships with others who follow Jesus Christ, where you both give and receive the life of Christ through your gifts.



#### God has made us a part of something bigger than us.



## (3) THE POTENTIAL OF OUR GIFTS YOU ARE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOU THAT POINTS OTHERS TO GOD

(VV. 12-14)



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#### THE GOAL IS UNITY, NOT SAMENESS.



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## THE SPIRIT OF GOD HIMSELF IS THE ONE WHO PUT US IN THE BODY.



Whatever separated you from others before (background, income, education, culture) has been overcome in Christ.



## YOU DON'T GET TO CHOOSE WHO IS IN THE BODY WITH YOU. JESUS DOES.



"Indeed, the body is not one part but many."



## WITH DIFFERENCE COMES PREFERENCE... AND WITH PREFERENCE COMES CONFLICT.



# UNITY IS NOT UNIFORMITY. GOD DIDN'T MAKE US ALL THE SAME. HE MADE US ALL NECESSARY.



# THE BODY OF CHRIST IS BIGGER THAN YOU. BUT IT'S NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU ACTIVELY DOING YOUR PART.



## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT JUST AN ACCESSORY TO YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.



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