

Spiritual Gifts | 1 Corinthians 12 | Kyle Reno | July 12, 2026

- I am and we are a *continuationist* church. Let me give you a definition of that and then shape our approach of that.

A continuationist believes that all the gifts of the Spirit continue to be given by God and are therefore operative in the church today and should be prayed for and sought after.

Let's embrace Spiritual Gifts in....HUMILITY & CONFIDENCE

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (ESV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

NO ONE COMES TO KNOW CHRIST WITHOUT THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:4-6a (ESV)

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God...

WHEN WE'RE UNIFIED IN OUR FOCUS ON GOD, HE CAN UNLEASH THE GIFTS OF GOD

1 Corinthians 12:6b-7 (ESV)

but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

- God is empowering his kids in his local churches all over the world.
 - And his plan wasn't to give a few people every gift. But to give "everyone" & "each" a "manifestation of the Spirit of the common good".

EACH ONE GETS AT LEAST ONE GIFT**1 Corinthians 12:8 (ESV)**

⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom...

Word of Wisdom: A supernatural revelation or insight on how to apply God's truth to a specific, often complex circumstance.

1 Corinthians 12:9a (ESV)

and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

Word of Knowledge: The spontaneous revelation of facts, events, or spiritual states about a person or situation that could not be known by natural means.

- More than merely reading the room, discerning someone's demeanor. But that God makes known to you something he already knows.

1 Corinthians 12:9b (ESV)

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit,

Gift of Faith: An extraordinary, God-given confidence to accomplish tasks or trust God in the face of impossible obstacles.

1 Corinthians 12:9c (ESV)

...to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit...

Gifts of Healing: The supernatural, miraculous restoration of physical, emotional, or spiritual health.

1 Corinthians 12:10a (ESV)

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles,

Working of Miracles: Supernatural acts of power that alter the ordinary course of nature.

1 Corinthians 12:10b (ESV)

to another prophecy,

Prophecy: Speaking forth the spontaneous revelation of God's mind and heart to encourage, edify, and console believers.

1 Corinthians 12:10c (ESV)

to another the ability to distinguish between spirits,

Discerning of Spirits: The supernatural ability to distinguish between divine, demonic, and purely human sources of spiritual influence or inspiration.

1 Corinthians 12:10d (ESV)

to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

Tongues: Supernatural speech in a language the speaker has never learned, meant for either prayer/praise or as a sign when interpreted.

Interpretation of Tongues: The supernatural ability to understand and publicly express the meaning of a message spoken in tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV)

¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

GOD SEE THE WHOLE AND GIFTS WHO HE WANTS HOW HE WILLS

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (ESV)

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body

be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

NOBODY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYBODY & IT TAKES EVERYBODY TO RIGHTLY REPRESENT HIS BODY

1 Corinthians 12:27-31(ESV)

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way

THE BIBLE ENCOURAGES US TO DESIRE THE GIFTS NEED TO FULFILL THE MISSION OF JESUS

IN HUMILITY COME AND IN CONFIDENCE BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS TO USE YOU SPIRITUALLY