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**Spiritual Gifts**

**#25 of 33— April 22, 2018**

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2) What did you find most significant about this message? How did it encourage you and challenge you?

3) Read 1 Cor. 12:1-12. What is happening in the context of this church as it relates to spiritual gifts? How have you seen this type of thing in your church involvement? How do we guard against this?

4) Read and reflect on 1 Cor. 12-14, Rom. 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:7-13. List the gifts that you see mentioned. What questions does this raise for you?

5) What qualifying principles do we see laid out in these passages for exercising spiritual gifts in the church?

6) What spiritual gifts do you think you have? Consider the following questions:

- What makes you come alive? What are you most passionate about?

- What bears fruit in your life that elevates Christ and honours others?

- What gifts do others affirm in you?

7) For a free Spiritual Gifts survey you can use: <http://giftstest.com>

Discuss your results with one another.

8) Do you feel you are currently leveraging your spiritual gifts for Christ? Why or why not? What steps do you need to take today to better elevate Christ and edify others through your spiritual gifts?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Spiritual Gifts

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
April 22, 2018



1 Corinthians 12:12 “The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up the whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.”

**In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12-14 Paul challenges the church to:  
Pursue unity and not disunity.**

**Pursue unity but not uniformity.**

**Pursue unity rooted in unconditional love.**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. <sup>3</sup> So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. <sup>7</sup> A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. <sup>8</sup> To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. <sup>9</sup> The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. <sup>10</sup> He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. <sup>11</sup> It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

**Big Idea: Use your spiritual gifts to elevate Christ and edify others.**

**What are spiritual gifts?** *“Spiritual gifts are divine enablements for ministry that the Holy Spirit gives in some measure to all believers and that are to be completely under His control and used for the building of the church to Christ's glory.”*

• **Spiritual gifts will always elevate Christ. v. 2-3**

• **Spiritual gifts, are diverse but they come from the same God. v. 4**

• **Spiritual gifts should be used with a Christ-like attitude of servant-hood v. 5**

• **Spiritual gifts are the result of God working in a person's life v. 6**

Romans 8:9

• **Spiritual gifts are for mutual edification and the glory of Christ. v. 7**

Ephesians 4:7-10

This list of spiritual gifts is not exhaustive (1 Cor. 12-14, Rom. 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:7-13)

“wise advice” or “word of wisdom”

“message of special knowledge” or “word of knowledge”

“great faith”

“gift of healing”

“power to perform miracles”

“ability to prophesy”

“discern messages from the Spirit” or “distinguishing spirits”

“speak in unknown languages” or “speaking in tongues”

“interpreting tongues”

**Use your spiritual gifts to elevate Christ and edify others. How?**

• **Decide who will be Lord of your life:**

• **Discern your spiritual gifts:**

• **Develop your gifts in community, for the benefit of others:**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*