

# STEWARDING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12-14

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## THE WHAT AND WHY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

(overview of 1 Corinthians 12 and 14)

### GROWING DISCIPLES REALIZE

- We are members of the local body, that is one and many.
- God the Holy Spirit gives, apportions, arranges and composes the body with her gifts, \_\_\_\_\_.

### GROWING DISCIPLES EMBRACE

- We are called to bring honor to Jesus through stewarding our gifts.
- We are called to serve each other for \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are all empowered by the same Spirit, so everyone's gifts are valuable and important.

### A DISCIPLE-GROWING CHURCH

- She encourages and allows people to \_\_\_\_\_ . . . and learn what their gifts are.
- She allows people to be \_\_\_\_\_ . . . and therefore "save face" if not gifted or called to a specific ministry.
- She allows people to take a \_\_\_\_\_ . . . and be refreshed for more ministry.
- She discourages people from developing a \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle.

### THE FOUR LISTS OF GIFTS TEACH US THAT:

- No list is \_\_\_\_\_
- The order varies considerably.
- There is a mix of "spectacular" and "ordinary" gifts.
- We are admonished to use our gifts to build each other up.
- The focus is always on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our emphasis should be on serving one another not on seeking specific gifts.
- Some of the gifts seem to reflect actions commanded of all Christians.

## GIFTS \_\_\_\_\_

LOVE = giving of myself, even sacrificially, for \_\_\_\_\_

### WHEN WE LOSE THE ASPIRATION TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD BY STEWARDING OUR GIFTS, IT IS USUALLY TIED TO A CRISIS OF \_\_\_\_\_ . . .

- we are upset for not being \_\_\_\_\_ enough,
- we are waiting to be \_\_\_\_\_, shifting the responsibility to others,
- we won't take a leadership role God has called us to because we are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Handling **words** and the **WORD**



We must **NOT** treat the **words** like they have the same authority **NOR** more authority than God's **WORD**.



We must **obey** the **WORD** of God.



We must **weigh** the **words** we think are from God under the **WORD** of Scripture.