

## 1 Corinthians Chapter 12

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

**If it is so urgent that we today possess the gifts of tongues, why does Paul not say so in writings to the believers?**

**“Also please note the word “gifts” is in italics in our King James Bible. This indicates that the word was supplied by the translators.**

**This is the only epistle in which the apostle Paul discusses tongues.**

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

**Ye know that ye were Gentiles. As soon as they expected Jesus Christ as their savior they became Christians.**

**As pagans these Corinthians had been “carried away” with idolatry.**

**For these Corinthians as spiritual “babies” in Christ.**

**In contrast Eph 4:14 the more mature believers will not be carried away about with every wind of doctrine**

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**Why are these miraculous signs, basically associated with Pentecost and Israel, should now be found among the Gentiles?**

**(The Holy Spirit)**

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

**(The Lord Jesus Christ)**

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

**(God the Father)**

**V: 4, 5, 6**

### **The list of the gifts of the Spirit :12-27**

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

**Paul lists nine gifts of the Spirit**

**The manifestation: is given to every man to profit withal.**

**Not to gain profit for himself, of course, but for the profit of all, for the common good.**

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

**Supernatural wisdom:** This wisdom was needed in the church at Corinth. Where so many foolish things were being done.

**Knowledge:** having a vast amount of facts at his fingertips, is vastly different from the gift of knowledge.

**9** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

**The gift of "faith":** Is not so easily defined. But this too is a supernatural gift.

**The gift of healing:** By our Lord is considered the background of his early ministry.

**10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

**The working of miracles is also supernatural in character.**

**The walking on the water, the feeding of the 5,000 the storm stilled, the nets filled with fish, .....**

**Diverse kinds of tongues:** This gift refers to speaking other languages without having learned them.

**The interpretation of tongues was a gift of the Spirit.**

**Modern day tongues are spoken in gibberish.**

**11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

**Spirit**

### **V:12-26 The Church as A Living Body hold the**

**12** For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

**The "one body" with its "many members" "So also is Christ". He is "one body" with many members.**

**Every member of the local church has a place in it, and a definite ministry in it.**

**13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

**"We are all baptized": This does not mean a water baptism.**

**The true church is not just an organization, nor does one join it through the noisy membership of a denominational machinery.**

**Rather it is a living organism, a body, and delivers are joined to it by the quiet working of the holy Spirit.**

**14** For the body is not one member, but many.

**V:12**

**We cannot all hold the same position. But we all still belong to the body of Christ.**

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?

20 But now *are they* many members, yet but one body  
**But there is one body :14**

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

**Why did God give all the members of the Body their own specific function, each one is so different from all others? So they are able to function smoothly.**

**Schism = Divisions**

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

**When a cataract is removed from the eye, a splinter from the hand, or some disease cured, the whole body rejoices with it.**

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.  
**Interesting: Not only are we 'One body in Christ.'  
We are also the body of Christ.**

**:28-31 deal with the Father's sovereignty in choosing whom He will**

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

**The order of the list in this verse.**

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Teachers

**(4) Then miracles,(5) then gifts of healing, (6) helps,**

**(7) governments,(8) diversities of tongues. For a total of 8.**

**The very least God could give a Christian in Paul's day was the gift of tongues.**

29 *Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?*

30 *Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?*

31 **But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.  
The Best gifts are listed in verse 28, and they are in order.**

**Chapter 13 is a continuation of where we are living off.**