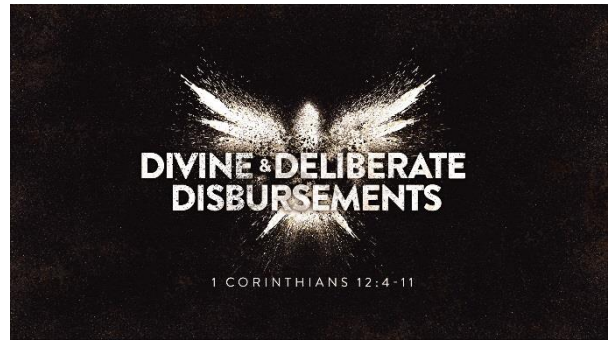


Divine & Deliberate Disbursement

Series: Spiritual Gifts

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11



1. Paul Describes Some Particulars Of Spiritual Gifts (4-6, 11)

- a. The distinctions among the gifts (4-6)- "Now there are varieties of gifts...5 and there are varieties of service...6 and there are varieties of activities..."
- b. The determination behind the gifts (4-6a) "...but the same Spirit...but the same Lord...but it is the same God..."
- c. The disbursement of the gifts (6b,11) - "...it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone....All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills."

2. Paul Declares Sovereign Purpose For Spiritual Gifts (7)

- a. A potential in every believer - "To each is given..."
- b. A power for every believer - "...the manifestation of the Spirit..."
- c. A profit from every believer - "...for the common good."

3. Paul Details the Specific Presentations Of Spiritual Gifts (8-10)

- a. Speaking gifts
 - i. Utterance of wisdom (8) - receiving divine utterance & revelation
 - ii. Utterance of knowledge (8) - the ability to understand and explain deeper spiritual mysteries
 - iii. Prophecy (10) - the ability to reveal the representative declarations of the mind, will or knowledge of God
 - iv. Tongues/Interpretation of tongues (10) - the supernatural ability to speak in a language not previously known to the speaker; the supernatural ability to interpret a language not previously known by the interpreter (1 Cor. 12);

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tongues are also noted as some form of language in personal prayer which do not require an interpreter and are meant for personal edification of the one praying when he/she is alone (1 Cor. 14:2, 4-5, 13-15).

b. Seeing gifts

- i. Faith (9) - a supernatural gifting for exemplary trust in God, especially during extreme situations; ability to operate in total confidence in God
- ii. Distinguishing of spirits (10) - Ability to gauge the spiritual validity of something said or done; to discern if something is of the Holy Spirit or some other spirit

c. Strengthening gifts

- i. Gifts of healings (9) - Endowments given at specific times for healings of physical affliction and/or demonization
- ii. Workings of miracles (10) - displays of great spiritual power; understood as being supernatural in origin

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