



GOSPEL GLASSES

1st Corinthians

When I was a child,

I SPOKE LIKE A CHILD,

I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD,

I REASONED LIKE A CHILD.

WHEN I BECAME A MAN,

I GAVE UP CHILDISH WAYS.

FOR NOW WE SEE IN A MIRROR DIMLY,
BUT THEN FACE TO FACE.

Now I know in part;

THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY,
EVEN AS I HAVE BEEN
FULLY KNOWN.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-12



1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for
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This is what 12:12-31 is all about!

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DISCIPLESHIP CUES

What kind of body member are you?

What does your attitude about the church body reveal about it's place in your life? What do your actions reveal?

What's been your experience in comparing yourself to others in church? How can you honored God in that?

Which of the following needed highlighting in your life today?

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