

Pastor's Introduction to the Gifts – Understanding Spiritual Gifts

A. We are to desire spiritual gifts.

<u>1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)</u> – Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

<u>1 Corinthians 14:1 (AMP)</u> – Pursue [this] love [with eagerness, make it your goal], yet earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts [to be used by believers for the benefit of the church], but especially that you may prophesy [to foretell the future, to speak a new message from God to the people]

B. We are not to be ignorant regarding spiritual gifts

<u>1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)</u> – Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

- 1. Notice "Gifts" is italicized meaning it was added by the translator in this verse.
- 2. <u>1 Corinthians 12:1 (YLT)</u> And concerning the spiritual things, brethren, I do not wish you to be ignorant;
- 3. Ignorant uninformed misunderstanding unaware.
- 4. Two Types of Ignorance
 - a. Those who know nothing of the gifts.
 - b. Those who do know they exist, but ignorance concerning the purpose and how they work.
 - c. Paul states, that regarding spiritual things (Including the gifts), he does not want us to be unlearned or uniformed.
- C. There are different gifts, but all operate by the same spirit.

<u>1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NKJV)</u> – ⁴There are diversities of gifts, but the same



Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

- 1. diversities different There are different gifts but the same spirit.
- <u>1 Corinthians 12:5-6 (KJV)</u> ⁵And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
 <u>Administrations</u> these gifts are administered to different ones.
 <u>Diversities of operations</u> These gifts operate in different ways.
 Regardless of who He uses and how He uses them, it is the work of the Holy Spirit that accomplishes the results.
- D. The gifts profit all

<u>1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)</u> – But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.

- We need the manifestation of the spirit if we are going to profit to contribute in order to help. For good.
- **2.** There will be a lack in our spiritual life where the manifestation of the Spirit is missing.
- E. There are three categories of gifts.

<u>**1** Corinthians 12:8-11 (NKJV)</u> – ⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills



- 1. Three Gifts that reveal something.
 - a. Word of wisdom reveals the mind and purpose of God
 - b. Word of knowledge supernatural revelation from God
 - c. **Discerning of spirits -** revelation of the spirit world seeing into the realm of spirit
- 2. Three Gifts that do Something power gifts
 - a. Faith supernatural power to believe God for producing a miracle - faith to receive miracles.
 - b. The working of miracles produces miracles
 - c. **Gifts of Healings** supernatural power to remove disease and infirmities.
- 3. Three gifts that say something Vocal gifts
 - a. **Prophecy** supernatural utterance inspired by God in a known tongue.
 - b. **Divers kinds of tongues** *supernatural utterance in an unknown* tongue to us.
 - c. Interpretation of tongues supernatural showing forth of the meaning of other tongues. It is not a translation.

NOTE: All of these gifts work by the Spirit for our good! We should desire and pray for these gifts to be manifest in our lives.

