



Pastor's Introduction to the Gifts – Understanding Spiritual Gifts

A. *We are to desire spiritual gifts.*

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

1 Corinthians 14:1 (AMP) – *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*

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV) – *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. **1 Corinthians 12:1 (YLT)** – *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 uninformed.

C. *There are different gifts, but all operate by the same spirit.*

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



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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.

2. 1 Corinthians 12:5-6 (KJV) – *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.*

Administrations – these gifts are administered to different ones.

Diversities of operations – 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

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

1. 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.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 (NKJV) – *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*

