

# The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Local Church (2)

The Benefits to Our Study

The Background of 1 Corinthians 12

The Structure of Paul's Argument:

- I. The Test of Authenticity: The Reality of Counterfeit Spiritual Gifts (12:1-3)
  - II. The Summary: The Source, Purpose, and Nature of Spiritual Gifts (12:4-11)
  - III. The Explanation: The Realities of the Body (12:12-30)
    - A. The Construction of the Body (12:12-19)
    - B. The Interdependency of the Body's Members (12:20-26)
    - C. Some Important Implications of these Realities (12:27-31)
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- I. The Test of Authenticity: The Reality of Counterfeit Spiritual Gifts (12:1-3)
    - A. The Matter at Hand: Spirituality and Spiritual Gifts (12:1)
      - *pneumatikos* spiritual
      - *pneumatikos* (spiritual) vs *charisma* (gift)
    - B. The Reality of Counterfeits (12:2)
      - know to have seen or perceived; knowing something through personal experience
      - led astray in the grasps of another
    - C. The Test of Authenticity (12:3)
      - docetism denial of Jesus' humanity  
(Ebionitism, Adoptionism, Eutychianism)