

The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Local Church (7)

Avoiding Corinth's Mistakes

- I. The Test of Authenticity: The Reality of Counterfeit Spiritual Gifts (12:1-3)
- II. The Overview: 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)
 - 1. Its Formation (12:12-14)
 - a. Its Illustration: The Human Body (12:12)
 - b. Its Mortar: Spiritual Baptism and Irrigation (12:13)
 - c. Its Shape: A Unified Body (12:14)
 - 2. Its Diversity (12:15-19)
 - a. The Principle Attested (12:15-16)
 - 1) The Evidence of Diversity
 - 2) The Temptation of Diversity
 - b. The Principle Affirmed (12:17)
 - 1) The Necessity of Diversity
 - 2) The Problem without Diversity
 - c. The Principles Applied (12:18-19)
 - 1) The Source of This Diversity (12:18)
 - a) What God Did
 - placed to lay something down; to make someone to make someone – to appoint, to destine to lay something down – arrange, fix, establish
 - b) How God Did It
 - desired influence, give, desire, resolve, decide
 - c) Who He Did It Through
 - 2) The Need for This Diversity (2:19)