What Everybody Ought To Know...

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Pt. 13... What Are Spiritual Gifts?

Romans 12:6-8

The Description of Gifts... 1 Cor. 12:1

- 1. Spiritual Gifts....
 - a. They are "grace gifts" or "gifts of the spirit"
 - b. A spiritual gift is not a <u>natural</u> talent...it is a <u>supernatural</u> ability
- 2. Definition... Spiritual gifts are supernatural <u>enablement's</u> given to God's children for service to Him.

The Distortion of Gifts... 1 Cor. 12:2-3

- 1. Evidently...there was a lot of spiritual <u>craziness</u> going on in Corinth.
- 2. The devil wants to give the Holy Spirit a bad name.
 - a. He takes what is good and perverts it....
 - b. He has no <u>raw</u> material; God <u>made</u> everything.
 - c. So anything bad is a perversion of that which was <u>once</u> good. d. The devil wants to <u>take</u> spiritual gifts and <u>distort</u> them.
- 3. CARRIED AWAY by <u>Dumb</u> <u>Idols</u>
 - ⇒ We see this happening today in America
- 4. Let's magnify Jesus
 - ⇒ Don't <u>listen</u> to anybody that take <u>away</u> from the preeminence of Jesus!

The Diversity of Gifts.... 1 Cor. 12:4-6

- 1. Diversity means...different kinds
 - ⇒ **Gifts...**speak of God's <u>provision</u> God has <u>given</u> you a gift
 - ⇒ Ministries...speak of God's <u>purpose</u> God has <u>given</u> you a gift for a <u>purpose</u>
 - ⇒ Activities...the word we get our word <u>energy</u> from speak of God's <u>power</u>.
- 2. Diversity in a church is not <u>bad</u>...it is <u>good</u> <u>division</u> is bad
- 3. The Bible teaches that we're to have Unity

Unity comes from life <u>within</u>... We all <u>share</u> the <u>same</u> Holy Spirit

The Design of the Gifts... 1 Cor. 12:7

Question?

What Purpose does God have for your spiritual gift?

- 1. For the <u>profit</u> of all
- 2. Your gift is not for Selfish purposes
- 3. Quit asking... what's in it for me?

That's why...

- ⇒ Belonging to Christ is so important
- ⇒ Belonging to a Church body of believers is so important.

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