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One Spirit, Many Gifts

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1. ONE SOURCE, MANY

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed... There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them." (1 Cor. 12:1, 4)

- Unity does not mean uniformity
- The Spirit never creates competition; He creates COOPERATION.
- Gifts are not badges of honor but TOOLS for service.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE — EDIFICATION, NOT

"To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Cor. 12:7)

- 1) **Word of Wisdom** divine insight for practical application of truth.
- 2) **Word of Knowledge** revelation of facts or truth that only God could reveal.
- 3) **Faith** supernatural confidence in God's power and promises.
- 4) **Gifts of Healing** channels through whom God restores health.
- 5) **Working of Miracles** interventions that reveal God's sovereignty.
- 6) **Prophecy** speaking forth God's heart to edify, exhort, and comfort.
- 7) **Discerning of Spirits** distinguishing truth from deception.
- 8) **Tongues** supernatural prayer or praise in a language unknown to the speaker.
- 9) Interpretation of Tongues making the message intelligible to others.
- Every gift is a VISIBLE expression of the INVISIBLE Spirit, given for the common good.
- Gifts are not for our spotlight but for others' strengthening.
- The healthiest churches are not the most talented, but the most LOVING.
- Spiritual gifts divorced from love become spiritual noise (1 Cor. 13:1).

3. THE SPIRIT DIVERSITY INTO ONE BODY

"For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ." (1 Cor. 12:12)

- The Spirit distributes gifts as He wills (v.11), not as we wish.
- Jealousy and comparison DISRUPT the body's unity.
- Humility and gratitude keep the body healthy.

4. THE FRUIT BEHIND THE GIFTS—_____ OVER CHARISMA

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal. 5:22–23)

- DEVELOP the fruit daily through SURRENDER and OBEDIENCE.
- Use the gifts daily through faith and love.
- The mature believer walks in BOTH power and purity.

5. WALK IN —THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

"And yet I will show you the most excellent way." (1 Cor. 12:31)

- Prophecy builds up, NOT tears down.
- Healing restores dignity, NOT draws attention.
- · Leadership serves, NOT dominates.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1. Gifts are diverse in form but unified in source.
- 2. The purpose of gifts is edification, not elevation.
- 3. The fruit of the Spirit guards the proper use of gifts.
- 4. Love is the supreme environment in which all gifts flourish.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Which spiritual gifts do you recognize operating in your life or church?
- 2. How does understanding that "gifts are for the common good" reshape your motivation for ministry?
- 3. Why is it important to balance spiritual gifts with the fruit of the Spirit?
- 4. What steps can you take to develop more of the fruit of the Spirit in your personal walk?
- 5. How might your small group or church operate more effectively if every member used their gift in love?

Starting November 2nd "Flourish: Experiencing the Abundant Life"



When: NOVEMBER 1ST at 12PM
Where: Manna Church Sanford

NOTE: The deadline to have all items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes are to be onsite and ready to pack at our packing party, Nov 2, 1pm. Also, a \$10.00 check must be included with each box. Checks should be written to "Samartian's Purse" and on the memo line please notate "Operation Christmas Child".





BABY SHOWERSUNDAY, NOV 2ND AT 1PM AT MCS

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Here at Manna Church Sanford, we offer a 12-week group experience that includes spiritual and practical support, mentorship, resources, and culminates in a free baby shower for the participants to celebrate choosing life.

Our first class is graduating and we're planning an event just for them!