



CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

The Corinthian Failures...

- They took personal pride in their gifts.
- They were more interested in using their gifts for personal fulfillment than for the good of the body.
- They failed to realize the importance of the smallest gifts. They failed to recognize the importance of those people whose gifts were seemingly least useful.

THE PROBLEM OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS - I Cor 12:1-11

The Holy Spirit In The Life Of The Believer. – 1-3

1. The **Nuance** Of Spiritual Gifts – 1a
“*Now concerning*” – change from physical to spiritual
1 Cor. 11:18
2. The **Nature** Of Spiritual Gifts – 1a
“*spiritual gifts*”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

“spiritual” – Greek: *pneumatikos* – that which has spiritual qualities to it

What Spiritual Gifts Are Not...

- They are not natural talents or abilities
- They are not the same as the “fruit” of the Holy Spirit
- They are not evidence of spiritual maturity and growth
- They are not given to you because you pray or ask for them
- They are not acquired abilities or talents which a person is able to learn and/or produce

What Spiritual Gifts Are...

- They are the result of God’s grace – we do nothing to earn or to deserve them - **Romans 12:6**

3. The **Need** For Understanding -1b

“brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.”

The **problem** of ignorance – 1b *“uninformed”*

Rom. 11:25; I Thess. 4:13; II Peter 3:8-9; Ephesians 4:17-18

The **practice** of idolatry – 2 *“led astray”* – Greek:**apago**

The **principle** of interpretation – 3

Negatively

“no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed”

I John 4:1-6

Positively

“no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost”

Rom. 10:9-10