



First
Corinthians

growing pains

“The Spirit Behind the Spiritual Gifts” | Pastor Gordon Tsai |
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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.



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⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.



1 Corinthians 12:1-11

⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,



1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.



Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Amen! Praise be
to God!



1 Corinthians 12:1

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1 Corinthians 12:2

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1 Corinthians 12:3

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the **Spirit of God** ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the **Holy Spirit**.



1 Corinthians 12:4-6

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **Spirit**; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same **Lord**; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same **God** who empowers them all in everyone.



1 Corinthians 12:7

7 To each is given the **manifestation of the Spirit**
for the common good.



1 Corinthians 12:8-10

⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of **wisdom**, and to another the utterance of **knowledge** according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of **miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another the ability to **distinguish** between spirits, to another various kinds of **tongues**, to another the **interpretation** of tongues.



1 Corinthians 12:11

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Spiritual Gifts

- Spiritual gifts are **from God** for the benefit of the church body.



1 Corinthians 14:1

¹ Pursue love, and **earnestly desire** the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.



Spiritual Gifts

- Spiritual gifts are **from God** for the benefit of the church body.
- Every spiritual gift is **good** and has a **purpose**.



Spiritual Gift Passages

- Romans 12:6-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- 1 Corinthians 12:28



Spiritual Gifts

1. Administration



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1. Exhortation



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1. Faith



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1. Administration

1. Exhortation

1. Faith

1. Mercy



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1. Exhortation

1. Faith

1. Mercy

1. Prophecy



Spiritual Gifts

1. Administration

6. Hospitality

1. Exhortation

1. Faith

1. Mercy

1. Prophecy



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1. Administration

6. Hospitality

1. Exhortation

7. Giving

1. Faith

1. Mercy

1. Prophecy



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1. Administration

6. Hospitality

1. Exhortation

7. Giving

1. Faith

8. Teaching

1. Mercy

1. Prophecy



Spiritual Gifts

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1. Exhortation

1. Faith

1. Mercy

1. Prophecy

6. Hospitality

7. Giving

8. Teaching

9. Discernment



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1. Administration

1. Exhortation

1. Faith

1. Mercy

1. Prophecy

6. Hospitality

7. Giving

8. Teaching

9. Discernment

10. Leadership



Spiritual Gifts

11. Tongues



Spiritual Gifts

11. Tongues

12. Interpretation of tongues



Spiritual Gifts

11. Tongues

12. Interpretation of tongues

13. Healing



Spiritual Gifts

- Spiritual gifts are **from God** for the benefit of the church body.
- Every spiritual gift is **good** and has a **purpose**.
- Every believer has **at least one** spiritual gift.



Practical Ways to Discover

- Prayer, Reflection, & Scripture



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- Seek Feedback



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Applications

1. Pray & Ask the Lord for Clarity



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1. Take a Spiritual Assessment Test

