



One Body, Many Parts

AN EXPLORATION OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Boundaries of Spiritual Gifts

“All things must be done properly and in an orderly way”

1 Co. 14:40

Review

- *Biblical resources on Spiritual Gifts

No exhaustive lists (Rom. 12, 1 Co. 12, Eph. 4, 1 Pe. 4)

- *Charismata = grace-gift (16 times in NT)

Rom. 1:11; 5:15; 11:29; 2 Co. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:16

- *Given to every Believer

Review

***Purpose?**

1 Co. 1:7; Acts 1:8; 1 Co.13:10; 14:12; Eph. 4:12

***Contested/controversial**

Cessationism: gifts were temporary but withdrawn

Continuationism: gifts are still operative

***Open but cautious 1 Co. 14:40**

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Gifts are used in SUBMISSION to Scripture

- John 17:17 “Your Word is truth” –Jesus
- 2 Tim. 3:15-17 “All scripture is God-breathed ...”
- Acts 17:2-3; 28:23 Paul’s example
- Ps. 19:7-8 God’s law is ultimate authority and treasure

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The only real test for experience is this: Does
it square with the Word of God?

MacArthur, Charismatic Chaos, p. 50

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Boundaries

Gifts are used in **ACCORDANCE** with Scripture

- 2 Pe. 1:19-21 Gifts are subordinate to God's revealed Word. For example:
- 1 Co. 14:27-28 (tongues)
- 1 Co. 29-32 (prophecy)

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Gifts are used following the HEART of Scripture

- 1 Co. 13:1-3 “...but have not love, I am nothing.”
- Eph. 4:1-3 “...bearing with one another in love...”
- Rom. 12:9-12 “... to one another in brotherly love”

Where do we go from here?

How does my response to Spiritual Gifts honor God? How does my response to Spiritual Gifts honor God's Word?

In what ways has God called me to use my gifts to build up the saints, equip the work or ministry, or glorify Him?

Further reading:

- a. Charismatic Chaos, MacArthur
- b. Showing the Spirit, D.A. Carson
- c. Counterfeit Miracles, BB Warfield
- d. Surprised by the Power of the Spirit, Jack Deere
- e. A Free Inquiry... through Several...Centuries, Conyers Middleton
- f. Practicing the Power, Sam Storms
- g. Keep in the Step with the Spirit, J.I. Packer
- h. Miraculous Gifts: Are they for Today? Thomas Edgar
- i. Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts, Craig Keener
- j. Institutes of the Christian Religion, John Calvin (3,4)
- k. Systematic Theology, Wayne Grudem, ch. 51-52