

SPIRITUAL GIFTS & THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCH Pt. 1

(1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

- **3 things to remember about the Corinthian church:**

- 1) This church was _____, lacking no spiritual gifts. (1:5-7)
- 2) This church consisted of BELIEVERS IN CHRIST who were characterized as being _____. (3:1)
- 3) This church was loaded with many _____. (1 Corinthians)

- **What is 1 Corinthians 12-14 all about?**

- 1) 1 Corinthians 12 deals with the _____ of spiritual gifts amidst the _____ of the Body of Christ.
- 2) 1 Corinthians 13 deals with the _____ in the exercise of spiritual gifts which are _____.
- 3) 1 Corinthians 14 deals with proper _____ of speaking in TONGUES in contrast to the gift of PROPHECY.

- **Principle to remember:** The possession of certain spiritual gifts is not necessarily an evidence of true _____.

A. **The CONCERN of Paul. (12:1)** *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:*

1. The phrase , “Now concerning” (peri de) is Paul’s method of introducing a _____.
2. The word translated “spiritual” (pneumatikon, not charisma) refers to _____, including spiritual gifts, but not limited to them.
3. Paul’s great concern for these believers rotated around their _____ of spiritual things.

- **Principle to remember:** Being _____ of true spirituality & spiritual gifts can HURT you.

B. **The COUNTERFEITS of their PAST. (12:2)** *You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.*

1. Paul reminds these believers how they were PAGAN GENTILES prior to coming to faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Prior to their salvation, these individuals had been involved in religious practices that involved being _____, however they _____.

What is mysticism? Mysticism is the false belief that encourages its adherents to possess a deeper or higher SPIRITUAL STATE based on some personal EXPERIENCE, subjective FEELINGS, inward INTUITION, or extra-biblical REVELATION. Compare the following words in the Bible: “know” (over 1300x) vs. “feel” (9x); “truth” (223x) vs. “experience” (3x); “faith” (245x) vs. “experience” and “feel” (12x)

So if these visions, revelations, and experiences do NOT come from God, where do they come from? What is their authority? Their source is _____, and their authority is _____

!!! Principle to remember: When the Holy Spirit controls a person, he is not _____ or out of control, for the fruit of the Spirit is _____.

(Gal.5:22-23) Principle to remember: True spiritual gifts can be _____ through human or demonic means.

C. **The CLEAR PRIORITY of Scriptural PRINCIPLE - Starting with the Truth about JESUS**

CHRIST. (12:3) Principle to remember: The first test of discernment to be applied to a “spiritually

gifted" person is that of _____, especially regarding the Gospel of _____, for this message has as its source the _____.

D. The CLARIFICATION about SPIRITUAL GIFTS. (12:4-11)

1. There are _____ of spiritual _____ which come from the same _____ of God. (12:4)
 2. There are _____ of spiritual _____ which flow from the same _____ Jesus Christ. (12:5)
 3. There are _____ of spiritual _____ which originate from the same _____ the Father who energizes in all these. (12:6)
 4. The *spiritual basis* for obtaining a spiritual gift is _____ (charisma) as no one merits a spiritual gift. (12:4)
 5. The *personal possession* of a spiritual gift is true of _____ believer, which means they must be given at the _____ of salvation / justification. (12:7a)
 6. The *proper objective* of the use of your spiritual gift is for the _____ and _____ of _____, never for self-gratification or edification. (12:7b)
 7. The *definition* of a spiritual gift is a God-given _____ provided on the basis of God's _____ to _____ believer for the maximal _____ and _____ of _____ to the glory of God.
 8. The *benefit to others* in the use of your spiritual gift only occurs only when you actually _____ it to _____ as a good _____ of what God has given you. (1 Peter 4:10)
 9. The *general categories* of spiritual gifts break down into two basic forms: _____ and _____ / _____ gifts. (1 Peter 4:11)
 10. The *number* of spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture consists of _____ different spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:6-10, 12:28-30; Romans 12:6-8; Eph. 4:9-12; 1 Peter 4:10-11), with _____ being _____ and _____ being _____ for the Church Age.
 11. The *means* which your spiritual gift is properly exercised is to do it as with the _____ God _____. (1 Peter 4:11)
 12. The *ultimate purpose* of the use and means of your spiritual service and gifts is that _____ may be _____. (1 Peter 4:11)
 13. The *specific distribution* of a believer's spiritual gift is sovereignly and specifically determined by the _____, not the individual. (12:11)
- To be a good steward of the spiritual gifts God has given you, you need to remember...
- 1) God's grace has given you a **spiritual gift** to _____ Him and others in the body of Christ—so use it!
 - 2) God's sovereignty has **determined** your **spiritual gift** and _____ in the body of Christ—so be content and appreciate the difference!
 - 3) God's **strength** is needed in all _____—so **rely** on Him!
 - 4) God's _____ must be the **goal** of your _____ for Christ - so do not steal it!