

# COUNSEL FOR A CHURCH IN CRISIS

## Lesson 24

Review: Paul begins to clear their confusion over spiritual gifts by addressing the dangers of their "Past Involvements and Influences" and their "Present Ignorance of the Purpose, Permanence, and Practice of Spiritual Gifts".

### PAUL PRESENTS THE PURPOSE OF UNIFYING EDIFICATION

Ephesians 4:7-16

#### I. Unifying Edification Comes From A Unified Source - I Cor. 12:4-6

- A) Manifested by various ABILITIES - vs. 4
- B) Manifested by various APPLICATIONS of those abilities - vs. 5
- C) Manifested by various AFFECTS of those applications - vs. 6

#### II. Unifying Edification Comes From A Unified Selection - I Cor. 12:7-14

- A) The Spirit ELECTS which gift(s) we receive - vs. 11b, 18
- B) The Spirit EMPOWERS those gifts we receive - vs. 11a
- C) The Spirit EDIFIES all in the body thru our gift(s)- vs. 7, 12-14

#### III. Unifying Edification Comes From A Unified Service - I Cor. 12:14-25

*Since every person is gifted (vs. 7) and every person is a member in His body (vs. 18)*

- A) No gift or person is UNIMPORTANT - vs. 15-20  
*Our value is not determined by our perceived value of others*
- B) No gift or person is UNNECESSARY - vs. 21-22  
*Another's value to us is not determined by our own perceived value*
- C) No gift or person is UNAPPRECIATED - vs. 23-24  
*Another's value cannot be determined by superficial criteria*
- D) This UNDERMINES any sense of conflict, competition, condescension, criticism, or callousness

#### IV. Unifying Edification Creates A Unified Sense Of Oneness - I Cor. 12:25-27

- A) It creates a supernatural sense of CARE / CONCERN - vs. 25
- B) It creates a supernatural sense of COMPASSION - vs. 26a
- C) It creates a supernatural sense of CELEBRATION - vs. 26b
- D) It creates a supernatural sense of CHRIST - vs. 27