

Before We Open

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Church Matters.

So, church matters matter.

It matters to The Lord how we handle the matters that arise within our faith family.
If it matters to Him, it should matter to us.

A gift is a good thing!

The gift giver out to be celebrated.

The gift ought to be appreciated.

Common Abuses

1. Over Emphasized
2. Under Emphasized
3. Over Elevated
4. Under Elevated

01 It's important to know they are...

1. Enabled by The Savior v.1-3
Ephesians 4:7-8

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2. Explained by Their Source v.4-7

Source Matters

1. The Greatness of God is seen in the Variety of our Gifts
2. The Goodness of God is seen in the Purpose of our Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7

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

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Learning The Lists

They are important but they are not exhaustive

They are not in any rank order—all gifts matter to the church

They have ONE thing in common!

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4. Enabled by The Spirit v.11

UNWRAPPING YOUR GIFT?

1. Surrender any selfish agenda.
2. Seek The Lord in specific prayer and serious study.
3. Surround yourself with godly people who will speak into your life.
4. Serve The Lord in a variety of ways.

The debate and exercise of certain of gifts has at times hurt the church. But the greatest damage has always been the unused gifts of unwilling followers.