

Sermon: Spiritual Gifts Are Given to (for) the Church.

Text: [1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ESV](#)

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Introduction: The study of spiritual gifts can be helpful in clearing up misunderstanding. Whatever functions we may have been given are the result of unmerited grace given to us by God, the Father, as He sees fit. Whatever we have as a gift is an occasion for thanksgiving and encouragement for others - not a platform for pride or egotism.

I. Different Kinds of _____ (vv. 1-3)

II. Diversity of _____ and the Trinity (vv. 4-6)

III. The Spirit Is Given for the Common _____ (vv. 7-11).

Conclusion: The last verse in our text this morning always needs to be kept in mind: [11 All these \(gifts\) are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.](#)

Most of the time, if you simply watch over time, you can understand who is important with people: God or them...You see the Corinthians were interested in displaying their gifts, much like a peacock, to get notice and acclaim for themselves, rather than glory for God. Paul tells them and us, today: [1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV](#) 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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Spiritual Gifts

1 Now concerning[a] spiritual gifts,[b] brothers,[c] 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.

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

Footnotes:

[a] 1 Corinthians 12:1 The expression Now concerning introduces a reply to a question in the Corinthians' letter; see 7:1

[b] 1 Corinthians 12:1 Or spiritual persons

[c] 1 Corinthians 12:1 Or brothers and sisters