

Handout June 21, 2024

**Gifts From the Spirit
I Corinthians 12:1-11**

Hallelujah! Here we go, continuing our series. Let's do a quick review.

- 1) Your Calling - God has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. A summons and a vocation.
- 2) a: Gifts from Darkness
b: Gifts from the Spirit
- 3) Your Walk - How are you doing

I Corinthians 12:1-11 ¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Usually, I am challenging you. Tonight is more of an encouragement, a reminder, a chance to grow in gifts.

Verse 12:1 starts "...I do not want you to be ignorant..."

Why would Paul say that?

1. Often Christians are _____ of their _____!

Remember, we talked about *four types of gifts*: 1) innate gifts 2) developed gifts 3) gifts from darkness 4) gifts from the Spirit.

I want to remind you.....

2. All Christians have _____ !

3. I/you have _____.

You know the text here makes it clear --- the Holy Spirit --- gives us gifts and enables us to do things we could not do before. So the question is not if you have a gift, but which gifts do you have! Are you using them? If you say you have this gift, how are you excelling in it today?

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

Verse 31 says “...*desire the best gifts...*”

You may know what you are good at, but God wants us to evolve, to grow, in fact and in function. The Spirit has given you gifts for function to fulfill your calling and to improve your walk.

When you research Paul’s prayers.... what do you think he prays for...?

As we read through our block of scriptures, you will notice all gifts are for the edification and exhortation of others.

4. We _____ our _____ in _____.

Every day is alike for Christians. Each day we are in service using our gifts. In our last bible study the text read “...*don’t devour one another...*” You see when we discount the gifts of others, we forget they are needed.

- Word of wisdom --- how are you being wise?
- Word of knowledge - what word?
- Faith --- what faith?
- Healings

.....My story of healing.....

God wants to use you in ways you may not be aware of. This is why we must continue to develop our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Are you asking the Holy Spirit for better gifts and more opportunity?

During our **Donation Drive** you had the opportunity to use some of these gifts.

Most importantly, how are you using your gifts now?

5. All _____ need to be used in _____.

1 Corinthians 13

Now we can begin to look at our Christian Walk!

Romans 12:1-21

Function

Let’s pray that the Holy Spirit reveals to us the nature of our gifts and the opportunities to use them.