



Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (ESV)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Discussion Questions:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3. **From verse 1, what do you think is the biggest misconception or thing that is taken for granted about the gifts of the Spirit? Why is it important to understand spiritual gifting correctly?**

Read 1 Corinthians 4-11. **How do you think God chooses what gift to give a person? And, why does he do it? In your journey who have you seen walk in a spiritual gifting?**

What does verses 7 & 11 say about who gets to walk in spiritual gifts?

Katie on Sunday said that, *“Spiritual gifts are not for some kind of ‘deluxe Christians.’”* **What mental or physical barriers do you see that keep Christians from operating in their gift?**

She also said: *“It’s saying that if we are walking with Him, if we have relationship with the Holy Spirit, then we should see these public demonstrations of His power through us.”* **Do you see evidence of a spiritual gift in your life? If not, why not?**

If we are each given a gift, then what does Romans 12:6 say about how big or small that gift is? If we prophecy in proportion of our faith, then how would one grow in this gift?

Katie said that often *“we make these gifts way more spiritually unattainable than they are, or we water them down to almost personal traits.”* **What are these two distortions a symptom of in a believer’s life?**

Paul, before mentioning the gifts in Romans 12:6-8, calls us to have a properly proportioned view of ourselves in verse 3. **If we think of ourselves too highly, what error will we run into with the gifts? If we think of ourselves too timidly, how will the outcomes of this also be wrong?**

What does 1 Corinthians 12:7 say about why you have been given the manifestation of the Spirit? Out of this, what is your role in the lives of other believers and the wider community?

We know that the gifts of the Spirit are not there for our own benefit or glory, but for the benefit of others and to glorify God. **Does knowing this make asking and pursuing these gifts any less scary?**