

## Spiritual Gifts, Part 2: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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**Key Truth:** Spiritual Gifts are given to believers for the glory of God and the good of the Church.

It appears the Corinthians wanted the Holy Spirit's power, but were not as keen on sharing in the Holy Spirit's ministry: to join the Body together in unity and harmony. They wanted spiritual gifts, but didn't want to cling to the God who *grants* the spiritual gifts. But, Paul's teaching was given to help them grow closer to Christ and to the other members of his Body. How do we approach the Spiritual Gifts? Do we desire them in order to gain exciting experiences? Or do we desire them in order to serve one another?

### DISCUSS

Read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the second part of the sermon on **Spiritual Gifts**.

### DIG IN

#### 1. Examining the Spiritual Gifts:

Examine the gifts listed below (vv. 8-10). Which ones appear the most clear-cut? Why? What should we do with those that appear less clear?

Utterance of Wisdom  
Utterance of Knowledge  
Faith  
Gifts of Healing  
Miracles

Prophecy  
Discernment  
Various Tongues  
Interpretation of Tongues

In what ways might the “utterance of wisdom” and the “utterance of knowledge” (v. 8) be connected?

In what ways is the gift of faith (v. 9) different from saving faith?

In what ways were “gifts of healing” (v. 9) and “the working of miracles” (v. 10) evident in the Book of Acts? How might that be different from today?

If a person utters an encouraging Scriptural insight or affirmation in the worship service, does that mean he or she has the gift of prophecy (v. 10)? Why or why not?

Discernment is the “ability to distinguish between spirits” (v. 10). In what ways is this gift helpful in the church today? In what ways can it be abused?

#### 2. Use of Spiritual Gifts today:

Spiritual gifts can generally be broken down into three categories: Speaking gifts, Serving gifts, and Sign gifts. How do these categories help us understand how gifts are used today?

### DO

Describe for the group the spiritual gift/gifts you believe you have been given. How did you arrive at that conclusion?