

IGNORANCE REGARDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We are currently studying Spiritual Gifts from (1 Cor12-14).

The entire church program depends on spiritual gifts and spiritual growth for their function.

(1 Cor.13:110 “When I was a child (**nepios**), I used to **speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man (aner)**, I did away with (katargeo/ do away with, rendered inactive, abolish) childish things.”

NOTE: (1 Cor.13:8-13) is the context and certain spiritual gifts would be done away and cease.

This lesson will study five aspects of Ignorance Regarding Spiritual Gifts.

1. There are four sources to the content of the Book of 1st Corinthians.

- **Chloe source** (1 Cor.1:11) **Involves chs. 1-4.**
 - For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe’s *people*, that there are quarrels among you.
- **Leaders of the church source** (1 Cor.5:1; 16:17) [3 are mentioned] **Involves chs.5-6.**
- **Congregational questions source** (1 Cor.7:1) **Involves chs.7-15.**
 - Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.
- **Paul’s ministry matters** (1 Cor.16:1) **Involves ch.16.**
 - Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

Notice that **Spiritual Gifts (chs.12-14)** are found in the Congregational Question source.

1. Paul wrote chs.12-14 to answer specific questions from the congregation regarding problems associated with spiritual gifts.

“**Now concerning** the things about which you wrote.”(1 Cor.7:1)

Paul wrote chs.7-15 to doctrinally correct specific problems. In this study, we are only focusing on specific problems regarding Spiritual Gifts (chs.12-4).

Paul opens new doctrinal subjects with the special phrase, “Now concerning.” They are found in the Questions from Congregation Source (1 Cor.7:1; 7:25; 8:1; 12:1).

Example: “Now concerning spiritual (gifts), brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant” (agnoeo/ p.a.infin.2pl) [without knowledge (gnosis), misinformed or misunderstanding]

NOTE: It takes correct categorical Bible doctrine to correct problems. (1 Cor.12:1)

2. The English word **GIFT** in (1 Cor.12:1) is in italics. It requires context to know Paul is referring to Spiritual Gifts (chs.12-14).

The Greek word **spiritual** (ton pneumatikos) has the suffix (ikos) meaning **belonging to Spirit**. It refers to the distribution and function of spiritual gifts belong to the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:4, 7, 11).

3. One great doctrinal truth that you can learn from this lesson is that **EVERY church age believer (CAB) receives a spiritual gifted ministry at the moment of salvation from The Holy Spirit.**

(1 Cor.12:11) “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing (diaireo/ p.a.ptc.nsn) to each one individually** just as He wills.”

(1 Cor.12:13) “For by one Spirit we were All baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were ALL made to drink of one Spirit.” (John 7:37-39)

The entire Godhead is involved in the ministry of Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor.12:4-6; 12:12-27). This makes Spiritual Gifts a Big deal in the Plan of God.

(1 Pet.4:10) “As (kathos/ comparative clause) each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving (diakoneo/ p.a.ptc) one another, (hos/ comparative phrase) **good stewards** of the manifold **grace of God.**”

4. The Corinthian church did not lack spiritual gifts or great Bible teachers such as Paul and Apollos. (1 Cor. 3:6)

What they lacked was practical wisdom regarding the application or function side of spiritual gifts within the body of Christ (1 Pet.4:10).

It was failure on the application side of the faith cycle.

FAITH CYCLE

Hearing (Rom.10:17)

GNOSIS [They Understood]

Completing (Jas.2:22)

Believing (Heb.4:2)

[They failed to apply] **AGNOSIA**

Applying (2 Cor.5:7)

Four areas of problems recorded in (1 Cor.12).

- Conflict between cosmos diabolicus (worldly thinking) and the Indwelling Holy Spirit (divine thinking) (1 Cor.12:2-3).
- False viewpoint of function and importance of each gift to the body of Christ (1 Cor.12:15, 16, 17-18, 21-24).
- Division over spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:25).
- Failure to understand the importance of the multiplicity of spiritual gifted ministries in a local church (1 Cor.12:29-31a).