

THE DISTRIBUTION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We are currently studying the Spiritual Gifts section of 1st Corinthians, chapters 12-14) where Paul is responding to “Questions asked by the Corinthian congregation” (1 Cor.7:1).

(1 Cor.7:1) “Now concerning spiritual (gift), brethren, I do not want you to be unaware (agnoeo/ p.a.infin).”

In our [last lesson](#) we studied the involvement of all three members of the Godhead with spiritual gifts from (1 Cor.12:4-6).

This is very important in biblical history. It is a big deal!

In the next three lessons, Paul will outline each member of the Godhead’s involvement with Spiritual gifts.

- **The Holy Spirit’s** involvement with spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:4, 7-11)
- The Lord’s involvement with spiritual gifted ministries (1 Cor.12:5, 12-17)
- God, The Father’s involvement with spiritual gifted ministries performances (1 Cor.12:6, 18-31)

<u>This lesson will study five aspects of the Holy Spirit’s involvement in the Distribution of Spiritual Gifts.</u>
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1. We will begin by studying Paul’s outline of the Holy Spirit’s Distribution of Spiritual Gifts found in (1 Cor.12:7-11).

- **(1 Cor.12:7)** Spiritual gifts are the manifestation (he phanerosis/ nsf) of the ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit for the common good (to sumphero/ p.a.ptc.asn) of the church.
- **(1 Cor.12:8-10)** Nine manifestation spiritual gifts are listed in four sets. The Greek grammar is important. In ch.13, we will learn that these 9 gifts were partial, or temporary, in the Church age.
- **(1 Cor.12:11)** The Holy Spirit distributes (diaireo/ p.a.ptc.nsn) a spiritual gift to each church age believer as a grace work (“He works all these things”) according to and for the “common good” of the church “just as He wills” (boulomai/ p.m.ind.3ps) (1 Cor.12:18).

2. One of eight works of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation is to distribute a spiritual gift.

(1 Cor.12:11) “But **one and the same Spirit** works all these things (1 Cor.12:8-10), distributing to each one (idios/ inst.s.f) individually (hekastos/ d.s.m) **just as He wills.**” (Rom.12:3-8)

(Rom.12:5-6b) “So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ **according to the grace given to us.**” (Eph.2:8-9)

3. These NINE manifested spiritual gifts were easily identified within the church body because of their manifestation (phanerosis), they all are the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:7).

This led to problems and divisions within the church body in Corinth which Paul discussed in chs.13-14.

(1 Cor.12:25) “**That** there should be no division in the body, **but that** the members should have the same care for one another.”

Important doctrinal principle: ALL spiritual gifts are supernatural gifted ministries and not natural talents or abilities.

Spiritual gifts are part of the salvation packaged of [50 Things](#) that every Church Age Believer receives and can never lose in time or eternity.

They are not classified as fruit of Holy Spirit as in (Gal.5:22-23). **Yet both require** “walking by means of the indwelling Spirit” for divine production (Gal.5:16-17).

4. The Greek word for distribution (diaireo/ verb in 12:11) is the same Greek word for varieties (diaresis/ noun/ in 12:4-6). They both refer to “dividing into parts.”

The church of Jesus Christ is divided into spiritual gifted members.

(1 Cor.12:27) “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.”

(1 Cor.12:24) “But God has so composed the body giving honor to the members which lacked.”
Read the complete text, (1 Cor.12:22-26)

Your part in the body of Christ, the church, is your spiritual gifted ministry (chs.12-14).

5. Next week we will learn the importance of the Holy Spirit baptizing every Church Age Believer into Christ (Gal.3:27) and into the body of Christ at the moment of salvation (1 Cor.12:13).

We will learn that the baptism of Holy Spirit establishes the Lord’s ministries of spiritual gifts in the body of Christ.

(1 Cor.12:5) ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

(1 Cor.12:13) 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.

(Gal.3:27-28) ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

(Rom.3:22) ²² even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;