

Lesson 6: Spiritual Gifts

A. A variety of spiritual gifts

1. 1 Corinthians 12:1, 11 What do all genuine spiritual gifts have in common? (there are false gifts)
2. 1 Corinthians 12:7 What important points is Paul making here? (see also 1 Peter 4:10-11)
3. Let's consider some of the spiritual gifts the Spirit gives: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30, Ephesians 4:11-13, Romans 12:6-8 What can we learn from these lists of spiritual gifts?
4. When did you become aware of a spiritual gift the Holy Spirit had given to you?
5. How does a person discover his/her spiritual gift/s?

B. Unity through diversity

1. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 What word is repeated in these verses and why?
2. 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 How does Paul illustrate unity through diversity?
3. 1 Corinthians 12:19-27 What important points is Paul making here?
4. Why is it important to remember that we are collaborating, not competing?

C. The greatest gift of the Spirit

1. 1 Corinthians 12:31 What is the more excellent way Paul is referring to? (see also 1 Corinthians 13:13)
2. The word used here for love in 1 Corinthians 13 is *agapé*. What do you know about *agapé* love?
3. How is the gift of *agapé* love described by Paul? 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a
4. How can we be filled with this *agapé* love? Romans 5:5, Luke 11:13
5. Why is a foundation of *agapé* love so important when using other spiritual gifts?

D. The spiritual gift of tongues and prophecy

1. Apparently, there was a strong emphasis on the spiritual gift of tongues at the church in Corinth.
2. What instruction did Paul give regarding use of the gift of tongues? 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 6-19, 20-27
3. What general counsel did Paul give regarding the gift of tongues and the importance of prophecy? 1 Corinthians 14:39-40
4. While speaking in other tongues is included in several lists of spiritual gifts, what point does Paul emphasize in 1 Corinthians 12:30? (see also 1 Corinthians 12:11)
5. Where was the spiritual gift of tongues manifested in the early Christian church? Acts 2:1-13, 19:1-8
6. Share a time when God gave you freedom to share the good news about Jesus in another tongue?