

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.

<p>This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of Ignorance Regarding Spiritual Gifts.</p>
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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).

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