

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)

This lesson will study five aspects of the Holy Spirit’s involvement in the Distribution of Spiritual Gifts.

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;