

GIFTS

Lesson 7 - Do Your Part

Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Intro: Today's lesson is from 1 Cor. 12 which deals with "Spiritual Gifts". How would you define the term "spiritual gifts"?

Read 1 Cor.14. Taking a broad overview of this chapter, what does Paul warn us about spiritual gifts?

1. (1 Cor.12:1-11) Spiritual Gifts In The Church

- (12:1) Paul did not want them to be _____.
- (12:2-3) What is "speaking in the Spirit"?

* God will not cause man to say things that are C_____ to what is written in the Bible!

- (12:4-7) There are varieties of gifts, but the same S_____. There are varieties of service, but the same L_____. There are varieties of workings/effects/operations/ways to work, but it is the same God who gives the P_____ to complete those works. These gifts were given for the common G_____ of all.

- Define the following "gifts":

Wisdom:

Knowledge:

Faith:

Healings:

Working of miracles:

Prophecy:

Discerning of spirits:

Tongues & interpretation:

* These "gifts" were given solely by the W_____ of God and not based on the faith of the one receiving.

II. (1 Cor.12:12-31) The Need For Diversity In The Church

- (12:12-13) We were all B_____ into one body which is the C_____! The church is called to be as O_____, just as Jesus and the Father are O_____ (Jo.17:21).Whoever destroys the unity of the church is in danger of losing F_____ with Jesus (Ro.15:5-6, Eph.4:2-3). When the church is unified, it brings G_____ to God!
- (1 Cor.12:14-31) The Harmony of the Body.
 - ✓ Each body part is D_____ and each carries out an I_____ body function. Like the human body, there are many parts, each serving a S_____ purpose.
 - ✓ (12:14-21) Three important lessons:
 - We N_____ each other!
 - We need to R_____ each other!
 - We need to S_____ and R_____ with each other!
- Why did the early church need:
 - ❖ Apostles?
 - ❖ Prophets?
 - ❖ Teachers?
 - ❖ Miracles/Gifts of Healing
 - ❖ Helping/Administrating? (who do you think Paul was talking about?)
 - ❖ Gifts of tongues?
- (12:29-31) Did anyone in the church have all these gifts? What were they told to desire?
- What was the more excellent way?