

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:1-31

1. Give a definition of a spiritual gift.
2. How do vv. 1-3 help you discern whether a message that someone claims to be from God actually is from God?
3. What is the main truth about the source of spiritual gifts (verses 4-6)? Why is this important?
4. What is your personal response to the statement that “each one” is given a manifestation of the Spirit? (v. 7)
5. Why is it critical for Christians to minister to each other?
6. Why don't Christians have to create unity in the church? What do they have to stop doing?
7. How does the Holy Spirit generate unity in the church? How in your own experience has exercising spiritual gifts served “the common good” (v. 7)? How has it prevented (rather than caused) division in the body (v. 25)?
8. Explain how unity functions when there is a diversity in teamwork.
9. Explain the importance of varieties in spiritual gifts.
10. How can you begin to discern the spiritual gift or gifts that God has given you?
11. Do you ever envy other believers because of their spiritual gifts? How do verses 6 and 18 help us understand and rejoice in the specific gifts God has given us?
12. Why do you think so many Christians are not utilizing the gift God has given them?
13. All four Scripture passages that teach on spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8, I Corinthians 12:1- 30, Ephesians 4:11-13, I Peter 4:10-11) do so with teaching about love immediately before or afterwards (Romans 12:9-10, I Corinthians 13:1-13, Ephesians 4:14-15, I Peter 4:8-9). Is this a coincidence? Why or why not?
14. Do you have trouble exercising the gift God has given you? Be specific in your analysis. Is any of your trouble based on a misunderstanding of some of the facts concerning spiritual gifts? If so, what?
15. How can an accurate understanding of these truths help you in your practice? Commit yourself to God's control and seek to be a faithful steward of His gift to you. Memorize 1 Peter 4:10: “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”