

Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 5, 2024

I. Spiritual gifts are Significant – 12:1,11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.

- A. To the Individual Believer
- B. To the Church

II. Spiritual gifts are SURRENDERED – 12:2-3

You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

- A. You used to be "experience" driven
- B. Now you are "Spirit" driven

III. Spiritual gifts are Varied – 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

- A. Different Gifts
- B. Different Degrees of Gifts

IV. Spiritual gifts are TOOLS – 12:5-7

And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

- A. These are given for MINISTRY
- B. These are EMPOWERED by God
- C. These are TOOLS for building up the body

Life Group Study Notes Spiritual Gifts I Corinthians 12:1-7

1. Do you feel like you have a solid understanding of spiritual gifts, or do you find yourself with more questions than answers?
2. Give a definition of a Spiritual Gift. Is this the same as a talent or ability? Describe the difference?
3. How can a misunderstanding of spiritual gifts lead to a life of insecurity for the believer? Have you experienced this? What did it look like?
4. What is the connection between spiritual gifts and the operation and growth of the church? Does a church really grow if spiritual gifts are left unused?
5. How are spiritual gifts "surrendered"? What is the one thing that should rule the use of spiritual gifts (The of Christ)?
6. Give an example of how the Corinthians had abused and misunderstood their spiritual gifts?
7. What is the tool that God has given us to govern our spiritual gifts? How is the Word of God a much better ruler than our emotions or experiences?

8. Why is the fact that spiritual gifts are varied so freeing?