

GIFTED

We are in our series - "Gifted."
Every follower of Jesus Christ is given spiritual gifts from God. Why do we have spiritual gifts? Today we will look at 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 to find the answer in God's word.



OBSERVATIONS

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Acts 1 - Jesus' Promise

The disciples were expecting Jesus to set up his earthly kingdom. Instead, Jesus returned to the Father so that he would send his Holy Spirit to be with his people. They would be given power (dynamite) to be Christ's witnesses.

Background

The letter of 1 Corinthians was written by the Apostle Paul as a response to questions that believers in Corinth were asking (7:1). The main issue was division in the church.

Why Does God Give us Spiritual Gifts?

1. To build his _____ (3:9-17)
2. To _____ (reveal) God (12:7)
3. For the common good of the church (12:7)
4. For God's glory (14:24-5)

APPLICATION *for Daily Living*

In what ways have you seen God using your spiritual gifts to be a blessing to others and glorify him?

How does knowing that God wants to reveal himself through you change the way you approach this coming week?

SCRIPTURE *for further study*

Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

What similarities do you see in this passage compared to 1 Corinthians 12?

Why is unity in the church so important to God?

QUESTIONS *for discussion*

How can you help someone to identify their spiritual gifts?

In what ways have I been neglecting to get God's help and have been trying to do everything on my own?

What would our church look like if everyone was using their spiritual gifts?



Your Notes *what God is saying to you:*
