

**UNDERSTANDING & USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT
(1 Corinthians 12:4-11)**

A. The CONCERN of Paul. (12:1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

B. The COUNTERFEITS of their PAST. (12:2) You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

C. The CLEAR PRIORITY of Scriptural PRINCIPLE - Starting with the Truth about JESUS CHRIST. (12:3) Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

D. The CLARIFICATION about SPIRITUAL GIFTS. (12:4-11)

1. There are _____ of spiritual _____ which come from the same _____ of God. (12:4)

2. There are _____ of spiritual _____ which flow from the same _____ Jesus Christ. (12:5)

3. There are _____ of spiritual _____ which originate from the same _____ the Father who energizes in all these. (12:6)

• What are some spiritual activities that all believers should be involved in as believer-priests? (Hebrew 13:15)

1) _____ (John 4:23-24; Heb.13:15)

2) _____ (1 Thess. 5:17)

3) _____ (Eph.5:18-20; Col.3:16)

4) _____ (2 Cor. 8 & 9; Phil 4:14-19)

5) _____ (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

6) _____ (1 Peter 4:9; Heb.13:1-2)

7) _____ (various)

4. The spiritual basis for obtaining a spiritual gift is _____ (charisma) as no one merits a spiritual gift. (12:4)

5. The personal possession of a spiritual gift is true of _____ believer, which means they must be given at the _____ of salvation / justification. (12:7a)

6. The proper objective of the use of your spiritual gift is for the _____ and _____ of _____, never for self-gratification or edification. (12:7b)

7. The definition of a spiritual gift is a God-given _____ provided on the basis of God's _____ to _____ believer for the maximal _____ and _____ of _____ to the glory of God.

8. The benefit to others in the use of your spiritual gift only occurs only when you actually _____ it to _____ as a good _____ of what God has given you. (1 Peter 4:10)

9. The general categories of spiritual gifts break down into two basic forms: _____ and _____ / _____ gifts. (1 Peter 4:11)

10. The number of spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture consists of _____ different spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:6-10, 12:28-30; Romans 12:6-8; Eph. 4:9-12; 1 Peter 4:10-11), with _____ being _____ and _____ being _____ for the Church Age.

11. The means which your spiritual gift is properly exercised is to do it as with the _____ God _____. (1 Peter 4:11)

12. The ultimate purpose of the use and means of your spiritual service and gifts is that _____ may be _____. (1 Peter 4:11)

13. The specific distribution of a believer's spiritual gift is sovereignly and specifically determined by the _____, not the individual. (12:11)

• With all these spiritual gifts, what still is true? (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

In same way, we are _____ body, but there are _____ members and _____ spiritual gifts for the functioning of that body.

• To be a good steward of the spiritual gifts God has given you, you need to remember...

1) God's grace has given you a spiritual gift to _____ Him and others in the body of Christ—so use it!

2) God's sovereignty has determined your spiritual gift and _____ in the body of Christ—so be content and appreciate the difference!

3) God's strength is needed in all _____—so rely on Him!

4) God's _____ must be the goal of your _____ for Christ - so do not steal it!