

1 Corinthians 32 – 12:8-12

God Given Gifts

1. Introduction

- a. We need to go back in time to Acts 19-22 when the body is being built
- b. 12:4-6 outlines of the chapter: Spirit's gifts, Christ's members, God's placement
- c. Questions surround these Spirit gifts: why, when, what, how?
- d. If you know *why* they were given, it will help you with the *when, what, how*
- e. The gifts were not given merely for God's glory as *Chariots of Fire* (Col 3:23)

2. 12:7 – Each Man's Gift

- a. The gifts had the function of establishing the body in this: Eph 3:9-10, 1 Cor 2:6-7
- b. The tendency is for people to be self-centered about these God-given gifts, but...
- c. Each man's gift was given not for their own profit – 1 Cor 12:7; 14:12; Eph 4:11

3. God Given Talent

- a. "God-given talent"; *Talent* came from the parable – Mat 25:14-30 (beware 25:30)
- b. Christ gave remnant Israel truths to keep until his return; endure to the end.
- c. Talent *-def-* a weight, used for a coin. The Bible defines it with Luke 19:11-26
- d. Modern *def*, special natural ability. Comes from wrongly combining it to 1 Cor 12
- e. Christian *def*, any skill, natural or not; hobby, desired vocation; or dream (calling)
- f. Those who are ignorant will blindly trust these "*gifts*" to justify their decisions
- g. Spiritual gift evaluations are warmed over Greek philosophy / astrology
- h. Having a spiritual gift did not require greater faith or spirituality – 1 Cor 3:2

4. 12:8-10 - What Was Given

- a. Not writing, singing, running, parenting, painting, doctoring, football, etc.
- b. All supernatural Spirit manifestations, not acquired by themselves; think Samson
- c. Wisdom, knowledge, faith (1 Cor 13:2; Mark 11:23; James 1:5, 5:15)
 - i. All now provided by God's word – Col 1:9, Rom 10:17
- d. The next six are all incomplete and only partial according to 1 Cor 13:8
- e. Healing, miracles, prophecy – signs of an apostle - Mark 16:16; 2 Cor 12:12
 - i. Healing was the sign of a message, not an end in itself - Luke 7:19-23
- f. Discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation = ministerial, low degree 1 Cor 14:5
 - i. Tongues were human languages – Acts 2:4-6 and 1 Cor 14:22-23
- g. All of the gifts can be found in 1 Corinthians. 1 Cor 12:28 lists offices / positions.

5. 12:11-12 – The Same Spirit

- a. Paul's point: all the gifts came from the same Spirit according to His will - 12:13
- b. Some things are our will: marriage, 1 Cor 7:39, career 2 Thes 3:10, walk Titus 2:12
- c. It's not reward, or covenant blessing; it's one body, many members, one purpose.

The Complete List of Spiritual Gifts in Paul's Epistles

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 – Gifts by the Spirit

1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Working of miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Divers kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

1 Corinthians 12:28-30 – God set positions in the church *(not listed as gifts)*

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Teachers
4. Workers of miracles
5. Healing
6. Helps
7. Governments
8. Diversities of tongues

Romans 12:3-8 – Gifts and offices differ; an admonition to humbly do what you can

1. Prophecy
2. Ministry
3. Teaching
4. Exhorting
5. Giving
6. Ruling
7. Mercy

Ephesians 4:11 – God gave these for edification of the saints

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers