



# 1 Corinthians 12



**Spiritual Gifts**

*Lesson 1*

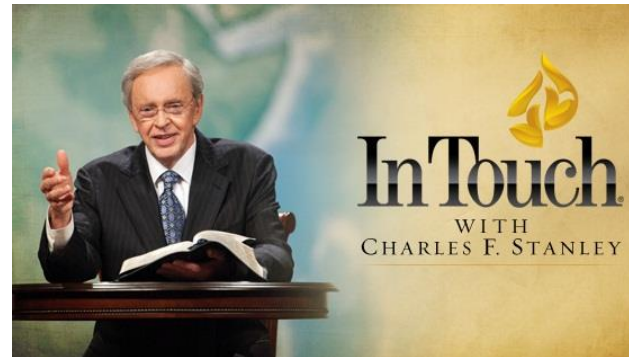
## Spiritual Gifts - Unity In Diversity

**1 Corinthians 12:1-12**

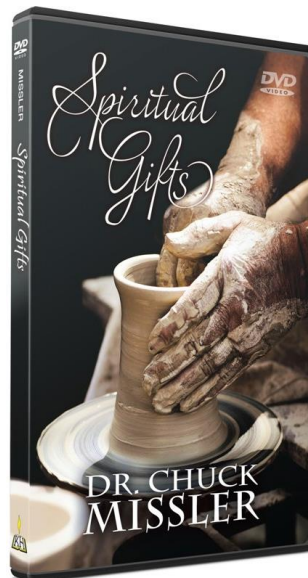
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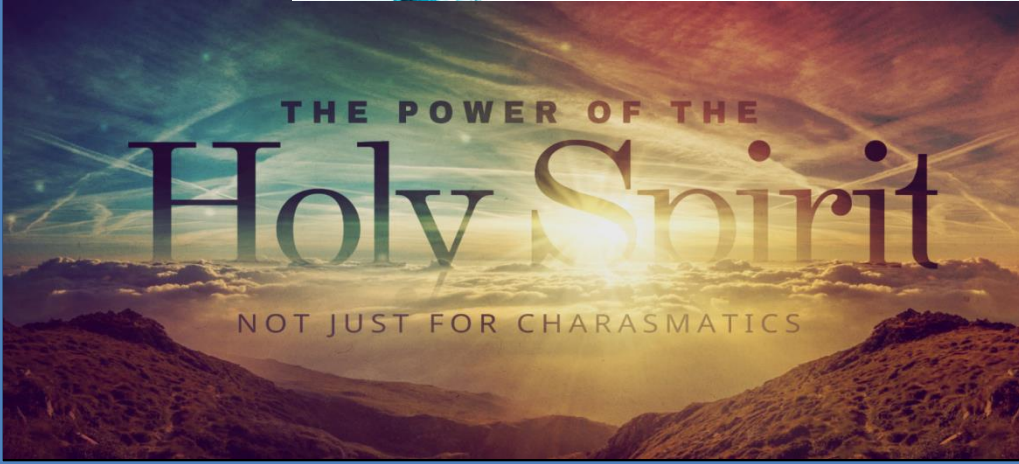
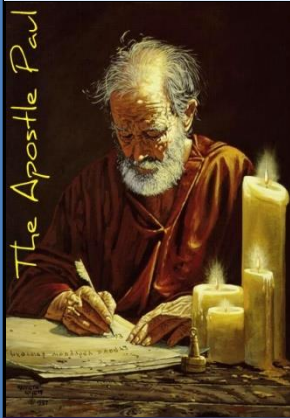


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# Lesson Outline

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## ■ Spiritual Gifts: Unity In Diversity

### • Lesson 1: Gifts of the Spirit



#### • STRUCTURE

- ➔ » Introduction ..... *Overview & Context*
- » Concerning Spiritual Gifts ..... *1 Corinthians 12:1-3*
- » Gift Diversity ..... *1 Corinthians 12:4:12*



# Introduction - OVERVIEW & CONTEXT

- Lesson Preview ... GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Spiritual Gifts are among the richest blessings for Believers.

1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 provide a treasure trove of information regarding the Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we will unpack 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 and provide an overview and some context to the Gifts of the Spirit.



# Introduction - OVERVIEW & CONTEXT

## Ground Rules

**HOLY SPIRIT:** The Holy Spirit is a person and a member of the Trinity (tri-unity).

Each member of the Trinity is ...

- ✓ Equal in nature.
- ✓ Separate in person.
- ✓ Subservient in duties.

### GIFT OF THE SPIRIT:

- ✓ Given when you are born again (Acts 2:38).
- ✓ Giver is Jesus Christ (John 16:7).
- ✓ Produces the Fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22).

### FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- |         |                 |                |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| ✓ Love  | ✓ Longsuffering | ✓ Faithfulness |
| ✓ Joy   | ✓ Kindness      | ✓ Gentleness   |
| ✓ Peace | ✓ Goodness      | ✓ Self-Control |



# Introduction - OVERVIEW & CONTEXT

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### GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT:

- ✓ Given by the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Distributed according to the will of the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Each member of the body of Christ receives a gift.
- ✓ Given individually for the profit of all.
- ✓ Gifts are not the same as **ministries** (roles).
- ✓ Gifts are not the same as **activities**.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE GIFTS:

- ✓ Paul's teaching gives us a framework -
 

*"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,  
I do not want you to be ignorant." ... Verse 1*
- ✓ Ignorance of Spiritual Gifts can lead to destruction.
 

- ☐ Ignorance leads to misunderstanding.
  - ☐ Misunderstandings lead to dispute.
  - ☐ Disputes lead to division.
  - ☐ Division ends in destruction.





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# Concerning Spiritual Gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 - OBSERVATIONS

**12** Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

<sup>2</sup> You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> 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.

-- 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 ... NKJV

## Do Not Be Ignorant

### BRETHREN

Paul is addressing believers

- ❖ the saints at Corinth
- ❖ all true believers

### CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Paul is admonishing us to understand the nature and working of spiritual gifts.

*"Now concerning spiritual **gifts**, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:"*

To "not be **IGNORANT**" is to "*be knowledgeable*".

Life isn't about  
finding yourself,  
it's about  
discovering who  
*God created*  
*you to be.*

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## Sidebar - Two Verse Parenthesis

### GENTILES

Paul is addressing Gentile believers

- ❖ Carried away to these dumb idols
- ❖ However you were led

### REVEALED KNOWLEDGE

Paul reveals a test to distinguish between true and false spirits (MAKE KNOWN) .

- ❖ **FALSE:** Declares Jesus is **accursed** [evil spirit]
- ❖ **TRUE:** Declares Jesus is **Lord** [Holy Spirit]

WHY DO YOU THINK PAUL IS ADDRESSING THIS SIDEBAR ISSUE?

Hint: "one speaking by the Spirit"

# Oracle of Delphi - Pythia

**Pythia**, better known as **The Oracle of Delphi** was the name given to the High Priestess of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi who also served as the oracle. The priestess Pythia was believed to give prophecies which were regarded as the most accurate in Greece. All Greeks respected its independence. It was also said it was the "Center of the World".

## Myth

Apollo killed his mother's enemy, a serpent called Python, when it was taking shelter in a shrine at Delphi. Apollo subsequently made this his special shrine and a temple was built in his honor.

Apollo was believed to speak through a priestess, called the **Pythia**. Initially, the Pythia gave oracles once a year, on Apollo's birthday, but over time the oracle became so popular that prophecies were given much more regularly, with two priestesses being required. The priests of the temple put people's questions to her.

The Pythia bathed in a holy fountain, drank water from a holy spring and inhaled fumes from a chasm in the rock on which the temple was built. She then gave her reply while in a trance. The priests interpreted her replies, which were often unclear or had more than one meaning.

The Pythia was dressed in white, carried a branch of laurel and sat on a tripod in a sanctum that was closed off from the temple's priests.



Sibylla Delphica by Edward Burne-Jones



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# Gift Diversity - 1 Corinthians 12:4-12 - OBSERVATIONS

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## University

The words “**DIVERSITIES**” & “**DIFFERENCES**” are the same Greek word (diairesis [dē-ī-re-sēs]) which can mean “*diversity*”, “*difference*”, “*division*” or “*distinction*”.

### DIVERSITY of ...

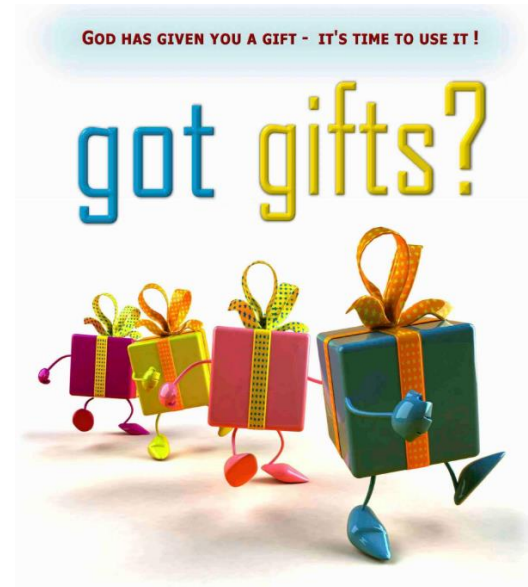
1. Gifts
2. Ministries
3. Activities

### UNITY of [*the Same*] ...

1. Spirit (Gifts)
2. Lord (Ministries)
3. God (Activities)

### **MANIFESTATION** of the **Spirit**

Purpose for the **Gifts** of the **Spirit**:  
Given to each believer  
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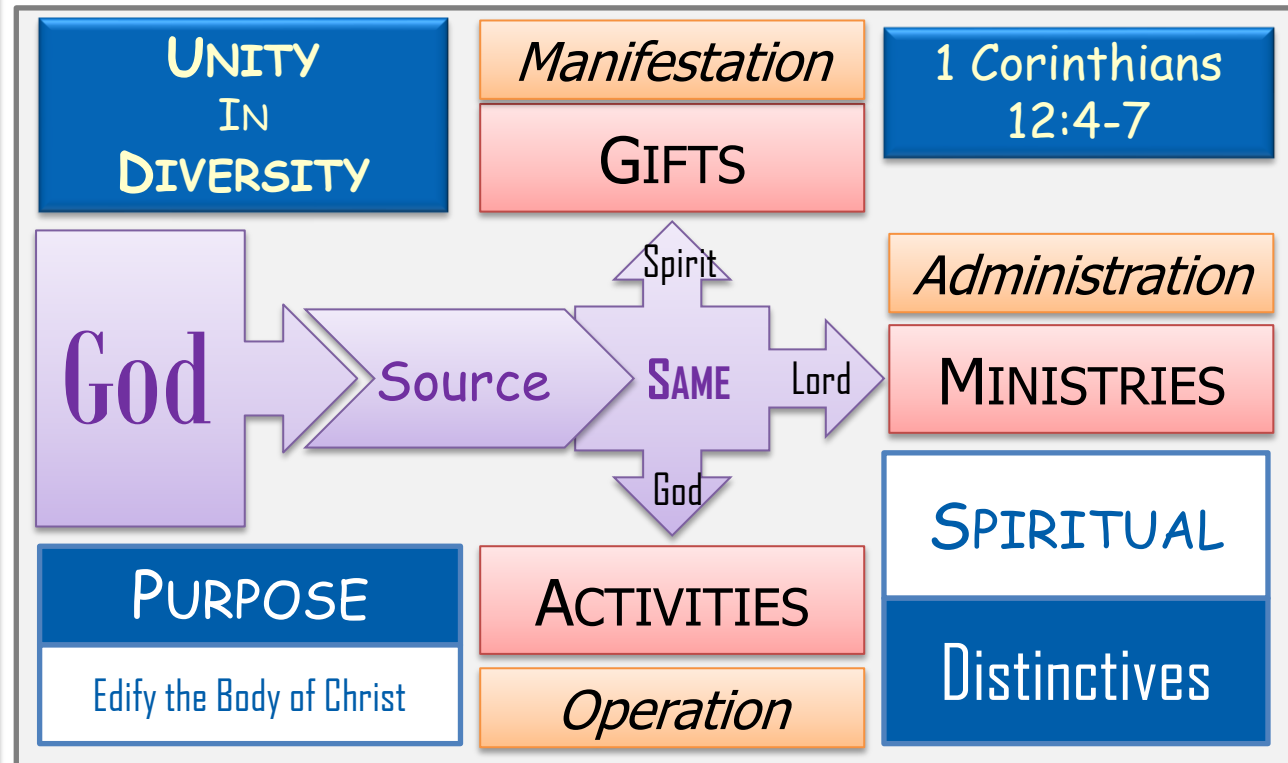
## Classification of Spiritual Distinctives

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GIFTS	MINISTRIES	ACTIVITIES
Same SPIRIT	Same LORD	Same GOD
Romans 12:6-8 1. Preaching 2. Serving 3. Teaching 4. Encouraging 5. Giving 6. Leading 7. Mercy	Ephesians 4:11 1. Apostles 2. Prophets 3. Evangelists 4. Pastor 5. Teacher	Philippians 2:13 1. To Will 2. To Do  <i>"for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."</i>
Manifestation	Administration	Operation
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<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

--- James 1:17 ... NKJV

GIFTS

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--- Philippians 2:13 ... NKJV

ACTIVITIES



# Gift Diversity - 1 Corinthians 12:4-12 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>8</sup> for to one is **given** the **word of wisdom** **through** the **Spirit**, to another the **word of knowledge** **through** the **same Spirit**, <sup>9</sup> to another **faith** by the **same Spirit**, to another **gifts of healings** by the **same Spirit**, <sup>10</sup> to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**.

-- 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 ... NKJV

## Manifestations of the Spirit

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### GIFTS

Same SPIRIT

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### Manifestation

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

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## Distribution - Supply Chain

The Holy Spirit decides gift assignments.

God is the source and distributor of spiritual distinctives.

Notice the distribution is done individually - not as a team or group. It is a personal assignment.

The purpose is to edify all in the body of Christ (all true believers) to deepen our relationship with God.

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Purpose

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spiritual gifts  
& the body

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<sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also. --- James 2:26 ... NKJV

### Fruit of the Spirit

The presence of fruit / "*works*", not Gifts, demonstrates a believer's dependency on the Holy Spirit.

Everybody has a gift. All Gifts are equally important!

Possessing a gift says nothing about the believer's compliance with the promptings of the Spirit.

The focus of our pursuit should be love.

Gifts are important! However, apart from the Fruit of the Spirit, they are worthless!

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRUITS AND GIFTS

Gifts are **given freely** by the Spirit.  
Fruit is the **result** of a process

#### SO WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH OUR GIFTS?

*Each of us is use our gifts as God intends!*

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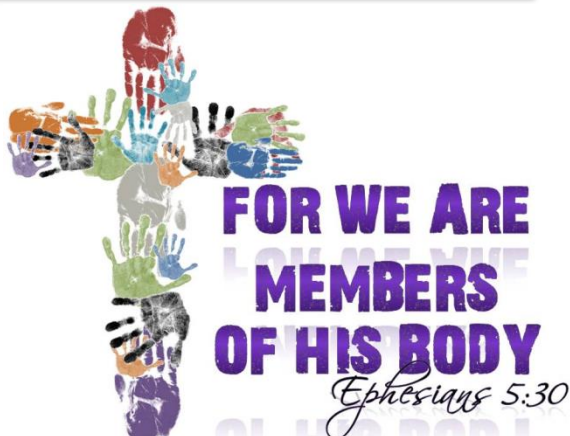
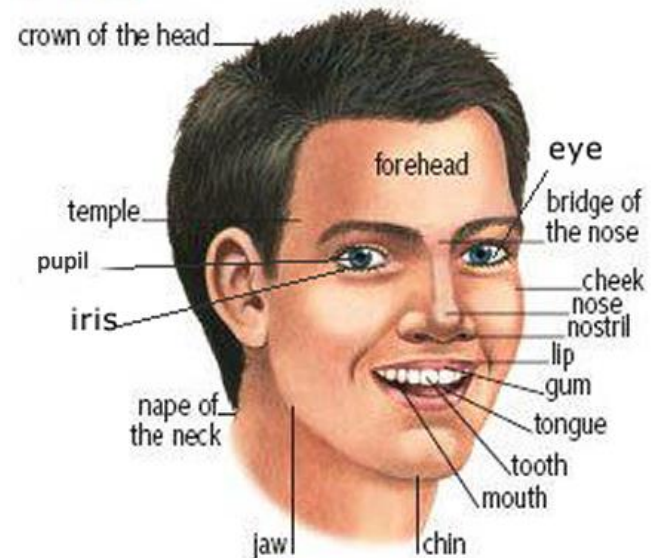
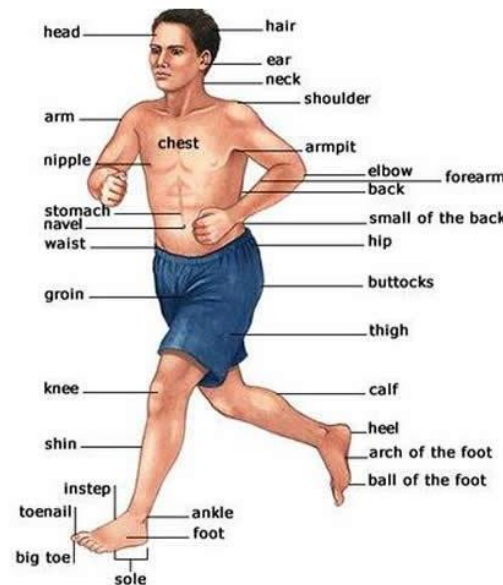
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## One Body Metaphor

Paul uses the body metaphor to illustrate, each of us is a member of the body of Christ.

Each member of the body needs the other members in order to have a living, healthy body.

<sup>4</sup> For as we have many **members** in **one body**, but all the **members** do not have the same function,  
<sup>5</sup> so we, *being* many, are **one body** in Christ, and individually **members** of one another. --- Romans 14:4-6 ... NKJV







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# Spiritual Gifts

*“Unity In Diversity”*

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