

**“KOINONIA AND SPIRITUAL  
GIFTS:  
PART II”**

***1 Corinthians 12***

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# How Does God Build *Koinonia*?

- He calls leaders, grants authority, and commands submission.
- He calls those leaders to use their authority to equip the saints for the work of ministry.
- He calls each person to utilize his/her gifts for the glory of God and the good of the church.
- As each part plays its part, the body is built to the measure of the stature of Christ.

# About Spiritual Gifts...

- In some sectors of the church the teaching of spiritual gifts has not remained tethered to the Word of God.
  - We will always remain tethered to the Word of God.
- In other sectors of the church the teaching of spiritual gifts has become corporate and mechanized.
  - Gifts flow from love and thus we will first seek to build the church up in truth and love.

# Thoughts on 1 Corinthians 12

- Spiritual gifts is most likely the main theme of 1 Corinthians 1-14 (see 1:4ff and notice how that theme is carried throughout the letter).
- The word “gifts” in 12:1 is not in the Greek and thus the verse can be translated “spiritual things” or “spiritual persons.”
- In vv 1-7 Paul is saying that we have a variety of gifts but are yet one in Christ and thus, “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

# Three Lessons from 1 Cor 12:7

- Spiritual gifts are the manifestation of the Spirit.
- Every believer is granted the privilege of the Holy Spirit dwelling in and functioning through his/her life.
- The purpose of spiritual gifts in the life of the church is the common good of the whole church.

# 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

*“<sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”*

# 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

*“<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”*

# 1 Corinthians 12:28-31

*“<sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.*

*<sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”*