

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

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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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.

The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts is...

...found in 1 Corinthians 12:7

*“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.”*

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

“²⁸ 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.

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

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

“¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

The Point of 13:1-3...

A person derives his or her value in the body from love not gifts.

Or put another way, every other gift in the life of the body derives its value from love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-12

“⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹

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1 Corinthians 13:13

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Love is the highest gift because it's the key that causes all other gifts to manifest the Spirit and build up the church.