

I Co- 12:1

SUBJECT: The Gifts of  
the Spirit

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Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:8-10; I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11

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## 2. Unity in diversity

The members of the church greatly differ in their gifts  
Some things of the Spirit are shared in common

- all of us represented by the U.S.
- ... by the body of X
- ... temples (our bodies) of the U.S.
- ... comforted, guided, helped by the U.S.

But the gifts of the Spirit are severally, sovereignly divided. 12:11  
12:28

Our unity rest that we are all alike, dull, monotonous  
uniformity, not an outward unity, but an inward unity,  
& directed by the same living principle, the same guiding spirit, the  
same heavenly mind, moving toward the same holy end.

6. Eph. 1: 20, 21

- Paul illustrates by the body I Cor. 12: 12-27  
- John illustrates by the word (actively principle, 10:10) John 1:1, 2  
The great living spirit shows himself under diverse, even opposite  
manifestations. But the law is one and the Spirit is one, and moves  
and moves freely but they are as "streams" to use of the same Spirit, law.  
The difference between the spiritually minded and the materialistically  
minded men. The latter, see reality but an infinite collection  
of unconnected, uncorrelated facts - books, detached, fragments,  
numbers. The former, as progress in understanding, sees the  
law beneath the innumerable phenomena, nature - God.  
all living unity is spiritual. not outward, formal. Inward,  
not outward. Divinity, unity, multiplicity, not sameness.

So with us. Not a unity like the jumble of a beach, a lifeless  
identity of outward form with no cohesion between the  
parts & dead show in which unity grows, when unity is  
no inward div. But a unity like the living world...

The U.S. but we open in differing gifts - no two have all  
the all, each, a part

## 3. all are needed, necessary

I Cor. 12: 21-26

(2) with old lady, Helen K. for, all I can do is pray

I. Gifts for the ministry of the Gospel  
I Co. 12: 8-10

- (1) Word of wisdom
- (2) - - knowledge
- (3) Faith
- (4) Healing
- (5) Working of miracles
- (6) Prophecy
- (7) Discerning of spirits
- (8) Kinds of tongues
- (9) Interpretation of tongues

II. Gifts for the work of the church

I Co. 12: 28

- (1) Apostles
- (2) Prophets
- (3) Teachers
- (4) Miracles
- (5) Healing
- (6) Helps
- (7) Governments
- (8) Tongues
- (9) Interpretation of tongues (12: 30)

III. Gifts for different ministries

Rom. 12: 6-8

- (1) Prophecy
- (2) Ministering
- (3) Teaching
- (4) Exhortation
- (5) Giving
- (6) Ruling
- (7) Showing mercy

IV. Gifts for the building up of the church

Eph. 4: 11

- (1) Apostles
- (2) Prophets
- (3) Evangelists
- (4) Pastors
- (5) Teachers

TOTAL - 30  
DUPLICATIONS - 11  
REMAINDER - 19

I Emotional gifts  
I Cor. 13:1 "tongues"

II. Intellectual gifts  
I Cor. 13:2a "prophecy... mysteries... knowledge..."

III. Practical gifts  
I Cor. 13:6 "faith... remove mountains..."

IV. Philanthropic, sacrificial gifts  
I Cor. 13:3 "bestow goods... give body..."

I. Gifts connected with the ministry of the Word

Apostleship

Prophecy

Discerning of spirits

Teaching

Word of knowledge  
wisdom

Tongues

Interpretation of tongues

II. Gifts connected with practical uses

Miracles

Healing

Ruling

Helps

Government

## I. Gifts of revelation

1. Word of wisdom - supernatural revelation of divine purpose
2. " " knowledge - " " of facts in the divine mind
3. Discerning of spirits - " " insight into the realm of spirits

## II. Gifts of power

1. Faith - supernatural trust (passive) in God for the miraculous
2. Working of miracles - supernatural intervention (action) in the ordered course of nature.
3. Healing - supernatural power to heal diseases

## III. Gifts of inspiration

1. Prophecy - supernatural utterance in a human tongue
2. Tongues - supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue
3. Interpretation of tongues - supernatural showing forth of the meaning of other tongues

I. Basic ministries gifts for edification  
Prophecy  
Teaching  
etc.

II. Sign gifts for authentication  
miracles  
tongues  
Healing

I. Natural gifts

Capacities originally found in human nature elevated, enlarged by the gifts of the

Spirit:

Teaching - capacity to impart knowledge

Healing - the physician's art

Helps - deacons, church officers

Government - natural leadership

II. Supernatural gifts

miracles

tongues

Prophecy

"He's Beside Himself"

"He's beside himself! Some may say...  
The Pastor's getting a little carried away.  
A million here & a million there,  
That's a lot of "our" money  
He's planning to share.  
One building was fine - but then 2, 3 and 4 -  
What will be next? How many more?  
Such visions he has -  
Sets your mind in a whirl!  
He acts as if we're trying  
to dematerialize the world!"

Right Pastor? I love you in Jesus ~  
Susan McMahon Thomas  
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