

Sermon Notes

Gifts Are for Serving the Good of the Church

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

12:1-3 Introduction to three chapters regarding the Holy Spirit working through Christians for the benefit of the church.

Things that are from the Holy Spirit have a certain character. They lead one way. Spiritual gifting is no different.

12:4-7 What unites Christians is supposed to bring our variety together for one purpose, serving the good of the church.

We have the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God.

What we should do with our spiritual gifts is serve for the good of the church.

Gift-giving is the Holy Spirit showing Himself, showing up, in each Christian, in a special way, working, energizing a Christians as they offer themselves to serve the church.

Gifts are given, to each and every Christian, and should be used in serving, for the common good of the church.

Gifts are not for the status of the individual Christian.

12:8-11 One and the same Spirit works every spiritual gift, distributing to each individually as he wills.

Each gift is equally valuable to the church.

Some people with the gift of tongues may have been trying to distinguish themselves as specially gifted, above other Christians.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Related reading: Romans 12:6-8, Acts 2:4-11

Suggested memorization: 1 Corinthians 11:7