**You Are Gifted!**

1 Corinthians 12

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1. **The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts**

**1 Corinthians 12:1 (ESV)**Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

**1 Corinthians 12:2 (ESV)**You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

**1 Corinthians 12:3 (ESV)**Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

1. **The Source of Spiritual Gifts**

**1 Corinthians 12:4 (ESV)**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

**1 Corinthians 12:5 (ESV)**and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

**1 Corinthians 12:6 (ESV)**and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1. **The Expressions of Spiritual Gifts**

**1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**1 Corinthians 12:8 (ESV)**For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

**1 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

**1 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV)**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.

**1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV)**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.

**1 Corinthians 12:11 (ESV)**All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

1. **The Value of Spiritual Gifts**

**1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)**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.

**1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV)**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.

**1 Corinthians 12:14 (ESV)**For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

**1 Corinthians 12:15 (ESV)**If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

**1 Corinthians 12:16 (ESV)**And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

**1 Corinthians 12:17 (ESV)**If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

**1 Corinthians 12:18 (ESV)**But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose.

**1 Corinthians 12:19 (ESV)**If all were a single member, where would the body be?

**1 Corinthians 12:20 (ESV)**As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

**1 Corinthians 12:21 (ESV)**The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

**1 Corinthians 12:22 (ESV)**On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

**1 Corinthians 12:23 (ESV)**and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

**1 Corinthians 12:24 (ESV)**which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,

**1 Corinthians 12:25 (ESV)**that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

**1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV)**If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

**1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV)**Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1. **The Desirability of Spiritual Gifts**

**1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV)**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.

**1 Corinthians 12:29 (ESV)**Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

**1 Corinthians 12:30 (ESV)**Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

**1 Corinthians 12:31 (ESV)**But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.