

MESSAGE NOTES

September 30, 2018

*A BETTER WAY: Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:1-11,28-31
Pastor Jeff Nelsen*

- How can we tell when the Holy Spirit's _____ in our church?
- He helps us know & embrace that " _____ ." 1 Cor 12:3
- He connects us to Jesus' _____ & _____ in the world. 1 Cor 12:13

A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.
1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Issue: some people are _____ one gift over the other gifts.
- _____ of the Spirit without _____ of the Spirit = _____.
- The Spirit passes out an _____ of spiritual gifts.
- These gifts _____ differently, yet God's at _____ in all of them.
- The Spirit _____ who's received Jesus as Lord.
- The Spirit gives these " _____ " to _____ Jesus' people.
- The Spirit _____ these gifts as _____ determines _____.
- When _____ uses their gifts _____, it's a _____.

All these are the work of the one and same Spirit,
and He distributes them, just as He determines. 1 Corinthians 12:11

BEING THE CHURCH TOGETHER

- ① Have I _____ my life to Jesus Christ and His _____?
- ② Have I discovered _____ for serving others?
- ③ Am I humbly _____ & _____ His gifts of grace _____?

God The Holy Spirit

Three distinctions: the gift of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, the gifts from the Spirit

The Gift Of The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38 describes the Holy Spirit Himself as a gift. He's given the moment we, as sinners, place our faith in Jesus Christ. He comes to indwell us, uniting us to Jesus forever. Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4). He called the Holy Spirit our Helper or Advocate. We're baptized by the Holy Spirit one time, the moment we're saved, and He can never be taken away. But we need to be filled/controlled by Him continually (Ephesians 5:18).

The Fruit Of The Spirit

Is Christlike character qualities: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). These virtues are produced within us by the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Gifts From The Spirit

All believers, now having the Holy Spirit, have also been given spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. A gift from the Holy Spirit is a special skill or ability which enables each believer to contribute to the whole body of Christ with joy and effectiveness. As gifts, they cannot be earned. Our responsibility and privilege is to discover and exercise these gifts for the benefit of the church.

A List Of Spiritual Gifts

*(Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10,28; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:9-10)
Most NT scholars believe the gifts listed are a suggestive not exhaustive list*

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Administration | Hospitality |
| Apostleship | Knowledge |
| Craftsmanship | Leadership |
| Creative Arts | Mercy |
| Discernment | Miracles |
| Encouragement | Prophecy |
| Evangelism | Shepherding |
| Faith | Teaching |
| Giving | Tongues |
| Healing | Interpreting Tongues |
| Helps/Helping | Wisdom |