

Lesson #12 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Opening Shot:

As believers, the Holy Spirit lives in us and enables us to do the good works which God has prepared in advance for us to do. We are each part of the Body of Christ, but we are not all alike. That would be silly! God has arranged the parts of the Body of Christ just as He wants them: Some parts have this job and some parts have that job. Each one of us may have different gifts (and talents), but each gift (*no matter how modest it may seem to us*) is given for the common good. It is also given so that we can do all of the good works that God has prepared in advance for us, as the Body of Christ, to do.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (OPTIONAL)

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**1 Corinthians 12:18-20, 27** ... *God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7** *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) OK, so everyone has gifts and talents they can use... What are mine?
- 2.) If my gift is "better" than someone else's, that makes me more important... Right?
- 3.) Is there anything more important than having those really great spiritually-given gifts?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

**1 Corinthians 12:24, 26** *But God has combined the members of the body... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

**1 Corinthians 12:28-31** *And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.*

**1 Corinthians 13:1-2, 13** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Parting Shot:

We are part of the Body of Christ, and as such we are to have equal concern for each other; no matter what our various gifts and talents may be. It is important for us to have differing gifts and talents, so that the work of the Body of Christ may be accomplished. But, even more important than gifts, is the love we show as we are administering them.

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Lesson #12 Gifts of the Holy Spirit (*Addendum for Teacher Reference*)

Dear Friends,

As you know, the concept of Spiritual Gifts is one about which there are many opinions. Believers of good conscience fall across a vast spectrum of beliefs about Spiritual Gifts. The object of this lesson is not to inflame any differences of opinion, but to point out beliefs which are very commonly held. The major points of this lesson are:

- Believers are part of the Body of Christ.
- God has arranged the members of the body just as He intended them to be.
- Each part has its own particular abilities (gifts and talents) and/or “calling.”
- God has prepared good works in advance for us to do.
- Working together as parts of the Body of Christ (and enabled by the Holy Spirit) we can accomplish these good works.
- We are to value each other and have equal concern for one another.

When you teach this lesson, it is possible that questions may arise regarding various ideas about Spiritual Gifts. As always, I recommend speaking with your Pastor ahead of time about the content of any lesson. Also, familiarize yourself with what your church teaches about Spiritual Gifts, before teaching this class. You might even consider **inviting your pastor to class** to explain what your church teaches about Spiritual Gifts.

My prayer is that you will find this lesson useful, and that it will help the Youth in your class learn that each person is valuable and important to the work of the Body of Christ.

God bless you!

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**For additional information on Spiritual Gifts, please see these Bible references:**

Another listing of gifts (or callings) and the reason for them: **Ephesians 4:11-13** *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

Various Gifts of the Holy Spirit: **1 Corinthians 12:8-11** *To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

Speaking in Tongues: **1 Corinthians 14:1-40** In these verses, the Apostle Paul discusses the gift of Speaking in Tongues and the importance of Orderly Worship.