

Equipped For Ministry Lesson 2

Spiritual Gifts – Part 2 *1 Corinthians 12*

I. Introduction

- A. The word “spiritual; gifts” is literally translated “spirituals” and thus means, “*Characterized or controlled by the Spirit.*”
- B. The Holy Spirit ministers to different people in a different manner. The work of the Spirit is to glorify Christ by showing us who He is (John 16: 7-15) and what He means to us (Romans 8:15-17 and Gal. 4:6)

1. To the non believer

- a. Convicts - of sin, righteousness, and judgment – John 16:8
- b. Convinces - of the need of a Savior - John 3:3
- c. Converts - from old way of living – John 3: 5-6
- d. Comforts – in a new way of living –John 3:16

2. To the believer - Individually

- a. He regenerates – John 3:5
- b. He transforms – 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:22-23
- c. He assures – John 4: 13
- d. He adopts – Gal. 4:6
- e. He seals – Eph. 1:13-14
- f. He indwells – 1 Cor. 12:13; Romans 8:9
- g. He frees – 2 Cor. 3:17
- h. He empowers – Acts 1:8
- i. He sanctifies (makes holy) – 1 Thess. 4:7-8
- j. He reveals truth – 1 Cor. 2:14:9-10
- k. He guides – Romans 8: 14
- l. He prays – Romans 8:26
- m. He enlightens – Eph.1: 17-18

3. To the church – collectively

- a. He creates fellowship – 2 Cor. 13:14; Acts 2:42
- b. He assists worship – Rev. 1:10; 4:2
- c. He inspires Scripture – 2 Peter 1:21
- d. He guides – Acts 13:2
- e. He generates unity – Eph. 4:3 – through spiritual gifts

II. Summary of the Basics of Spiritual Gifts

- A. They are essential – 1 Cor. 12:1
- B. They are counterfeited – 1 Cor. 12:2-3
- C. The Holy Spirit is the source – 1 Cor. 12; 1, 7, 11
- D. They will always unite – 1 Cor. 12:4,5,6,11
- E. They are not a sign of spirituality – 1 Cor. 1:7
- F. They have the promise of Divine energy – 1 Cor. 12:1,4,5,6,11; 1 Peter 4:10-11
- G. They come in varieties – 1 Cor. 4:6,5,6,11
- H. They are not for the possessor but for the body of Christ – 1 Cor. 12:7
- I. One can have a gift and not be using it – 2 Tim: 1:6
- J. All the gifts are to build the body Eph. 4:12
- K. The “spirituals” (gifts) are different than the fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23