Spirit-given Gifts for Spirit-led People

1 Cor 12; Rom 12

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The purpose and operation of Spiritual Gifts1 Cor 12:1

Our Purpose: Know the work of the Holy Spirit’s giving of gifts for service to the church.

Passages on Spiritual Gifts: Rom 12; 1 Cor 12; Eph 4; 1 Pt 4

A Spiritual Gift: is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others and therefore build up the body of Christ.

Natural talents:

* Given by God (imago de) through our parents
* Given at birth (who we are, always have been)
* Benefits others, generally (our contribution to the world!)

Spiritual gifts:

* Given by God, not through family
* Given at Conversion/salvation
* Benefits the church specifically (which in turn serves the world with the truth and grace of the Gospel!)

Gifts in Rom 12

Notice Rom 12:4-5 mirror 1 Cor 12:12-26 on the need for the gifts.

Foundation for Spiritual Gifts is love Rom 12:9-10; 1 Cor 13

* Prophecy
* Service
* Teaching
* Exhorts
* Gives
* Leads
* Shows mercy

Gifts in 1 Cor 12

Notice also, the HS gives these gifts

12-26 describe the need for different gifts

* word of wisdom
* word of knowledge
* faith
* healing
* miracles
* prophecy
* knowing the spirits
* tongues
* interpreting tongues
* apostleship
* teaching
* helps
* administrating

Without love, this is all pointless.

Without grace, this is all impossible.

The word for gifts is charismata

The word for grace is charis

Eph 4:11 Spiritual Gifts given to the Church

* apostleship
* prophecy
* evangelism
* pastor-teacher

1 Pt 4:11 Speaking and serving

Truths about Spiritual Gifts

* Only believers have a spiritual gift.
* Every Christian has at least one gift.
* No one person has ALL the gifts. Why?
* The same gift is not given to every person.
* You don’t earn a gift.
* God gives me the gift.
* Develop your gift.
* Don’t waste what’s been given to you.
* Serve more than you search.

The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts: 1 Pt 4:10-11

To serve each other and to glorify God.

Applications

1. Have you received a gift from the Holy Spirit? AKA Have you been born-again?
2. The best way to learn your gift is to serve and listen.
3. Is something holding you back from actively serving the Lord?