

The Spirit is given for the common good...v7

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

There is a lot of confusion and mystery concerning Spiritual Gifts.

Spiritual Gifts are real and every Christian has one.

Beware: there are counterfeits!

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

God works in *different ways* at *different times* with *different people*.

God can still do any miracle he has ever done in the bible.

The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

Every gift that God gives is for the purpose of doing good.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT) A spiritual gift is given to each of us *so we can help each other*. NIV = *for the common good...*

Spiritual Gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Cross references: Romans Chapter 12; Ephesians 4 and I Peter 4

A word of Wisdom – (I Cor. 12:8)

When God gives you wisdom, use it!

A word of Knowledge – (I Cor. 12:8)

When God gives you special knowledge – ask Him how to use it... and then use it!

Faith –

The gift of Healing –

The ability to perform miracles –

A word of Prophecy – (I Cor. 12:10; Rom. 12:6)

The basic definition of Prophecy is: Speaking on behalf of God.

There are two kinds of prophecy mentioned in scripture:

1. Foretelling is about announcing in the present a future event.
2. Prophetic Forth Telling – is Speaking God’s Truth.

A Word of Caution: *Test* the Prophets **1 John 4:1**

Discernment –

Speaking in an unknown tongue & interpreting tongues -

1 Corinthians 12:11

Personally: I will use my gift of the Spirit to serve others in love.

Next Week: **Living by God’s Spirit - I Corinthians 12:12-31**
“You are the Body of Christ...”