

Concerning Spiritual Gifts: Foundation Facts About Spiritual Gifts

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Corinthians 12-14.

B. There are foundation facts to understanding the spiritual gifts.

II. Spiritual gifts are important.

A. They are important to the individual Christian. Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift.

B. The spiritual gifts are important to the church.

1. The local church cannot function on natural abilities.

2. The church grows through the practice of spiritual gifts.

C. The spiritual gifts are important to the world.

D. Spiritual gifts are important to God.

III. Spiritual gifts are governed by the Word of God.

A. Confusion about the gifts came about in Corinth because they incorporated old pagan practices.

B. The gifts should be governed by the Lordship of Christ.

C. Whatever one's position is, it should be backed by the Word of God.

IV. Spiritual gifts are varied.

A. The gifts are varied because there are many ministries to be performed.

B. We should help each other develop in the gifts.

V. Spiritual gifts are for the good of the whole church.

A. They are not for the magnification of any one individual.

B. How one can tell whether gifts are being used for the good of the whole church:

1. There is humility.

2. There is harmony.

3. There is growth.

4. There is health.

5. There is balance.

C. Questions.

1. Have you received the gift of the Spirit?
2. Have you discovered and explored your gift if you have received the Spirit?
3. Are you willing to use your gift?

Application questions:

1. Should the local church practice the spiritual gifts? Defend your answer.

2. How should one go about discovering his or her gift? Do some research and write what you have learned below?

3. What are some instances that a gift might not be used for the good of the church? Explain.
