
A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

“The Spiritual Gifts”

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Introduction: We are making great progress in our study of 1 Corinthians.

1. Throughout our study Paul has been dealing with problem after problem.
2. This continues in today's text as he wades into the issue of spiritual gifts.
3. Although the church was not lacking in spiritual gifts (1:7), they certainly were in their understanding of how they were to be exercised.
4. This was so important to the health of the church; Paul will spend three chapters explaining the gifts.
5. In today's text, he introduces the subject and lays a foundation for the rest of his teaching.
6. As we digest what he says, we learn some valuable lessons.

I. Spiritual Gifts Are Important

- A. No Place For Ignorance
- B. Evidence Of Spiritual Life

II. Spiritual Gifts Are Explained

- A. Source
- B. Purpose
- C. Operation

III. Spiritual Gifts Are Identified

- A. Gifted Leadership For The Church
- B. Servant Gifts
- C. Sign Gifts
- D. According To God's Oversight

Conclusion: Why is this important?

1. Because this is true:
 - We should seek to understand our gift mix.
 - We should exercise our gift in service to Christ.
 - We should value our gifts as well as others.
2. There is nothing more powerful than a united church serving according to their giftedness!