**Spiritual Gifts Part 1**

**A.      Spiritual gifts are not talents.**

1.      Unbelievers have talents.

2.      When people become Christians, they still use their talents. They often use them differently.

3.      Spiritual gifts are for Christians. They are one of the results of salvation.

**B.      There are a number of different spiritual gifts (**[**v.4**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C4%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

1.      The gifts are for service ([v.5](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C5%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

2.      The word translated “worship” ([v.6](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C6%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)) is the source for our word “energy.” God energizes gifts in different ways.

**C.      Did Paul emphasize the number of different spiritual gifts because the Corinthians had focused on the spectacular ones?** ([v.7](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C7%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)) Let’s look at the whole list of gifts.

**I.      Wisdom (**[**v.8**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C8%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      This refers to the ability to apply the Gospel teaching.

B.      Preachers and teachers need this gift in order to apply the Scriptural teaching to the needs of the congregation.

**II.      Knowledge (**[**v. 8**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C8%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      This gift may have been given to people before the New Testament was completed to help them understand facts they had not learned.

B.      The gift may enable some to organize Gospel facts for great teaching.

C. Knowing the difference between knowledge and wisdom.

**III.      Faith (**[**v.9**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C9%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      We have to have faith to be a Christian.

B.      This gift refers to some who have great vision and believe that God makes it a reality.

**IV.      Healings (**[**v.9**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C9%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      This is a plural. There are different types of healing.

B.      It may refer to different gifts required for different kinds of healing. There are other kinds of healing besides physical healing.

**V.      Miraculous Powers (**[**v. 10**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C10%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      The signs of an apostle ([2 Corinthians 12:12](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B65%2C12%2C12%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/) and [Hebrews 2:1-4](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B76%2C2%2C1%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)).

B.      Was this gift limited to the apostolic church? This is not to deny that miracles take place today. How can we limit God?

**VI.      Prophecy (**[**v.10**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C10%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      “To speak forth” or “to proclaim.”

**VII.      Distinguishing Between Spirits (**[**v. 10**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C10%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      The early church did not have the New Testament Scriptures. This gift enabled certain people to know whether preaching or teaching was from the guidance of the Holy Spirit, or some other spirit.

B.      God may give some the ability to show false teaching for what it is.

**VIII.      Tongues and the Interpretation of Tongues (**[**v.10**](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C10%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)**)**

A.      These gifts have been abused and confused.

B.      The word “tongues” is a plural word. It speaks of different kinds of languages.

**Conclusion**

The Holy Spirit brings unity through the variety of these gifts. The spiritual gifts show that God works through individuals.

**Spiritual Gifts** **Part 2**

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[1 Corinthians 12:12-20](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C12%2C12%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)

**Introduction**

A.      The body is composed of many members ([v. 12](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C12%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

1.      It is so with the body of Christ, the church.

2.      Every Christian is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ ([v.13](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C13%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

B.      Many of the most important members of our physical bodies are not seen or valued. It is the same with the church.

**I.      There Can Be Unity Even Though There Is Great Diversity in the Church**

A.      Jesus is not here in a physical body. He wants to work through us ([v.12](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C12%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

1.      A normal physical body should have unity.

2.      The body of Christ should have unity.

B.      The body functions because its parts do different things ([v.14-17](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C14%2C17%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

1.      It would be a disaster if all members did the same things ([v.17](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C17%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

2.      We are different and God wants to use us in different ways.

**II.      There Should be Right Relationships Among Christians in the Church.**

A.      We need each other ([v.19-21](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C19%2C21%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

B.      We must respect each other ([v.22-25](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C22%2C25%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

C.      We should encourage each other ([v.26](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C26%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

**III.      There Is a Basis for Proper Unity and Relationships in the Church.**

A.      The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the beginning ([v.13](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B64%2C13%2C0%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/))

1.      He puts us into the one body.

2.      He gives gifts to the members.

B.      Must apply [Acts 2:38](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B62%2C2%2C38%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/) and [Galatians 3:26-27](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B66%2C3%2C26%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)

1.      The “gift of the spirit” ([Acts 2:38](http://&LinkToSync=data//%5B62%2C2%2C38%5D%3Bfxid//309601804%3B/)). Evidently the Holy Spirit Himself.

**Conclusion**

We have been united in one body by the work of the Holy Spirit as a result of receiving Jesus as our Savior. We are important to God, to the church, and to each other and God wants to use us.