

Spiritual Gifts and the Body of Christ

Part 2:

Utilizing Spiritual Gifts for Unity, not Confusion!

1 Corinthians 14:26-33

Do you realize that Hope is just like a football team? We form one team with one mission: **To know Jesus Christ, to be His Disciples and to Make Disciples.** We all have _____ parts to play on this team and that is why the Holy Spirit gives us positions, we call them gifts, in order that the team functions effectively to its goal.

1 Cor. 14:26-33 “What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.”

Critical principles standout in I Cor. 14

First Principle: *1 Cor. 14:26 “What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for _____ up.”*

Notice Paul says: “Let all things...” “no _____.” Everything we do as the body of Christ, from passing out the bulletins to laying hands on the sick come under that phrase.

Other translations say: “Let all things be done unto edifying.” KJV

“Let everything be done for the common good.” Basic English Translation

1 Cor. 12:7 “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the _____ good.”

Paramount Spiritual gifts principle:

Spiritual Gifts are given-for the common good not for personal _____.

This means we understand and respect that we are made unique.

Those with different gifts are _____ a part of the body of XP.

Spiritual Gifts are Tools not privileges. Spiritual Gifts are Tools we put to work.

The Holy Spirit gives gifts for the purpose of “_____ Jesus Christ.”

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Second Principle: *vs. 32 “and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”*

Having a spiritual gift does not _____ any of us from church authority and leadership.

Spiritual Gifts cannot be defined as just me and the Holy Spirit.

Two things are accomplished

It kept the meeting orderly.

It takes the fear of _____ out of the service.

All prophecy, all words of knowledge, all miraculous gifts of the Spirit are subject to the direction, correction or rejection of the pastors and _____.

Third Principle: vs.33 *“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.”*

The Bible tells us that Satan loves _____ and chaos.

When we see confusion and chaos among God’s people we need to stop and recognize its author.

Spiritual gifts are meant to bring hope, direction, peace and joy.

First and foremost: Spiritual Gifts are _____ empowering by the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word from which we get “spiritual gifts *“means... truths, gifts revealed by the Spirit.”*”

This means that spiritual gifts are like _____ presents from someone who you never expected to give you a gift at all.

The Bible says that they are _____ derived, spiritually given.

There is nothing we can do to earn these gifts from God the Holy Spirit.

We cannot determine which gifts we get.

What does this mean? It means that we do not have any _____ over the gift or gifts we get.

Why? The Bible says that *“He gives gifts as he sees fit.”*

On the other hand-Spiritual gifts used biblically are _____ gifts that enable the church to reach the lost, heal the sick, and reveal the centrality of Jesus Christ.

The Church needs spiritual gifts, extraordinary abilities, to connect us with the _____ (Jesus).

The church has always faced two problems with spiritual gifts:

Spiritual Gifts become a source of _____.

We fail to see them as individual tools for building up the body of Christ. Instead, we will see them as individual privileges in my elite relationship with the Lord.

The Church fails to utilize the gifts and put them to work for the _____ of the Gospel.

However, the church is most effective when every believer is functioning in their gifts and working under the leadership of the pastors and elders.

Response to God’s Word

I will attend the next “Discover Your Purpose Class” when offered Wednesday evening April 11 & 18.

I will seek to use my gifts, not as a privilege, but for the common good of the body of Christ.

I agree that my spiritual gifts are meant to be used to fulfill the mission of *Knowing Jesus Christ, Being His Disciples and Making Disciples.*

