Lesson 11; Part 1: The Gifts of the Spirit

*“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good. Stewards of the manifold grace of God.”* (1 Peter 4:10)

Introduction:

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:1 *“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”* The gifts of the Spirit are God-given gifts (Greek: *charisma*) of special anointing endowed to the Spirit-filled believers. These gifts cannot be earned or achieved through our own efforts.

In 1 Corinthians 12:27, Paul reveals the Church as the Body of Christ. He goes on to explain that the members of the body will exercise different gifts, even as the members of the human body have different functions and purposes. He points out that we, as members of the Body of Christ, are given different gifts designed to work together in harmony, just as the members of our physical body are designed to do.

Besides the nine supernatural gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12, there are other gifts mentioned in the Scriptures: Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Helps, Administration (1 Corinthians 12:28); Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy (Romans 12:6-8); Evangelists (Ephesians 4:8, 11-13); and Hospitality (1 Peter 4: 9-10).

1. There are diversities of gifts, differences of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (\**diakonia*), and diversities of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (\*\**energema*). (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

\**diakonia*: to minister, to serve

\*\* *energema*: energy, in working, and effect. It is God’s supernatural power working the manifestation of those gifts.

2. Does every child of God receive a gift? (Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 7:7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. We should “…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the best gifts…” (1 Corinthians 12:31)

4. “Follow after charity (love), and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual gifts…” (1 Corinthians 14:1)

5. Ephesians 4:8 tells us that God gave gifts unto men. This includes the five-fold ministry as listed in verse 11 (Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.) List the three purposes these gifts are given to the church (Ephesians 12-13).

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