

Finding Your Spiritual Gift

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

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PTC Vision statement: *building a community in Christlikeness*

Edification means to share in building up the church

The analogy of the church as the body of Christ – each member of the body functions under the direction of the head in a coordinated manner for its health, strength, and fruitfulness.

Christians are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit when they come to believe. The Spirit of God produces the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. *God has gifted every true believer to contribute to the well-being and produce of the church.*

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

- Background on this passage
- The same but different
- Illustrations of fruitfulness – assembly line and orchestra

A catalogue of spiritual gifts based on Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, Ephesians 4:7-16, and 1 Peter 4:8-11

- A. Leadership
- B. Communication
- C. Support
- D. Understanding
- E. Miracle

Know and use the spiritual gift God has give you:

1. Be sure you believe and belong
2. Be eager to serve
3. Be connected to the fellowship of the church

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Begin with a prayer for insight and understanding concerning the subject of spiritual gifts.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 together. Consider why it was that Paul wrote to the Corinthian church about these matters.
3. Share with one another the circumstances under which you came to be baptized into the body of Christ by God's Spirit. What does it mean for you to be part of the fellowship of the church?
4. Discuss ways in which people in general are the same but different. How does an orchestra or choir illustrate what God intends for the church?
5. Discuss the *catalogue of spiritual gifts* that was part of the handout for this message. What do you think of the classifications and definitions that are listed?
6. Share with one another about what you perceive your spiritual gift to be and how you discovered this in the process of your spiritual journey.
7. What are some ways in which fellowship at PTC might enable a person to discover their spiritual gift?
8. As you conclude, review the importance of this subject for our church and discuss what could happen over time as these principles are applied. Pray for one another according to needs expressed.