



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, December 11, 2022

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 – Spiritual Gifts are for the Common Good: Part 2

In the second half of 1 Corinthians 12, Paul continues his explanation of spiritual gifts being for the common good by using the analogy of the human body. Every member of the body has a specific function, a gifting, that is vitally important to the overall health and wellbeing of the whole body. A healthy and unified body will manifest the power of God and advance the kingdom of God.

Learn more about the spiritual gifts.

Evaluate the effect of the spiritual gifts.

We respond and apply the word of God that we have heard by exercising our spiritual gifts.

May you set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. May you devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. May you not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. May you be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. May you watch your life and doctrine closely. May you persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Discussion Questions:

- How does Ephesians 4:11-16 reinforce the understanding from 1 Corinthians 12 that spiritual gifts are for the common good of the body of Christ?
- What are the characteristics of a church where the Holy Spirit is manifest? How does the work of the Spirit affect our relationships with each other?
- What are the key realizations from learning more about the gifts of the Spirit?
- Why should we continually evaluate ourselves regarding the effect of spiritual gifts in our lives and in the lives of others?