



# 1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up Grace for the Common Good

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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## Introduction

Who can practice the spiritual gifts? (1-3)

Why are spiritual gifts given? (4-7)

What are some of the spiritual gifts? (8-10)

Wisdom & Knowledge-

Faith-

Healing & Miracles-

Prophecy-

Distinguishing spirits-

Tongues & Interpretation of Tongues-

Who apportions and empowers the spiritual gifts? (11)

How can we live as disciples of Jesus and function together as his church in an overwhelmingly unbelieving world?

*We celebrate God's grace by using our gifts as given through and empowered by the Spirit; building one another up in love for the common good.*

**Next Week: 1 Cor. 12:12-20**

**Supporting  
Scripture**  
1 Cor. 13

Mk. 6:4  
1 Cor. 14:3

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| <p><b>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</b></p> <p>Start with <b>Prayer</b> -ask Jesus to guide your time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> -read the text together. (1 Cor. 12:1-11)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion Guiding Questions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do we identify who is able to practice spiritual gifts and how are the spiritual gifts given to the Church, different from the gifts that were practiced in the pagan temples? (1-3)</li> <li>2. Paul unpacks the spiritual gifts as manifestations of God's grace among his people. How does he draw on each person of the Godhead, and what are the various ways in which he describes the gifts? (4-6)</li> <li>3. Why are the gifts given? How does this distinction keep the attention off the one who is practicing the gift? (7)</li> <li>4. Discuss and unpack the 9 gifts that Paul unwraps in verses 8-10. Consider your answers from question 3 then talk about why some of the gifts have become such a point of contention in the Church. How does focusing on the one practicing a gift, detract from the purpose or reason for which the gift was given?</li> <li>5. Have you ever explored or considered the way that God has gifted you? How have you been able to use your gifts to build up the body of Christ, thus bringing glory to God? Has your gifting changed in different seasons of life? Or have you always had the same gifting?</li> <li>6. Who empowers and apportions the gifts according to His will? So, when our gifts are in use, who should receive the glory and credit for what is accomplished? (11)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions towards Spiritual Growth &amp; Discipleship:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text challenge you to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. How are you motivated to grow in a greater love for others?</li> <li>3. How might Jesus be motivating you apply some of the principles from this passage to your family, career, community, or church?</li> <li>4. How might Jesus be using you to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. How will you pray for each other between now and next time you meet?</li> </ol> | <p><b><u>Supporting Scripture</u></b><br/> 1 Cor. 13<br/> Mk. 6:4<br/> 1 Cor. 14:3</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p> |