



Spiritual Gifts

God At Work





The Belly &
The Members



Review:

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the
source of them all..

God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work
in all of us...

And it is the Spirit who decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12



Paul reminds the Corinthians that following Jesus means developing the skill of seeing all areas of life and relationships through the lens of the Gospel.




Church: Body of Christ






1 Corinthians 12:12-17



The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.





1 Corinthians 12:12-17

Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?



- We should both accept and expect diversity in the church.
- The church is made up of many people with different gifts.



Errors to avoid:

1. Being too proud of our abilities
2. Thinking we have nothing to give





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For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. (NIV)



1 Corinthians 12:18-21

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."



1 Corinthians 12:22-24

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honorable parts do not require this special care.



1 Corinthians 12:24-26

So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.



All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:



first are apostles,
second are prophets,
third are teachers,
then those who do miracles,
those who have the gift of healing,
those who can help others,
those who have the gift of leadership,
those who speak in unknown languages.



1 Corinthians 12:27-28



1 Corinthians 12:29-30

Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!



1 Corinthians 12:31

So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.
But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.



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