



Understanding *Spiritual Gifts*

WEEK THREE: *Can You Choose or Earn a Particular Gift for Yourself?*

What was Paul's concern in this verse?

1 Corinthians 12:1

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

⁴There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.

What were the three "*different kinds of...*"?

According to V.4, are all the gifts the same?

According to V.7, who gives the Gifts and

According to V.5-6, will everyone have the same ministry and results?

According to V.11, how does He distribute the gifts?

What happens someone tries to be "*just like*" someone else's ministry?

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

⁸A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. ¹¹All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

How would you respond to someone who was teaching that we must have the same gifts or gift as a sign of true faith?

Explain V.31! It sounds like Paul is contradicting himself!

What have you learned this week about spiritual gifts?

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

²⁸In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. ²⁹All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? ³⁰All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? ³¹Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

Don't seek the _____!
Seek the Gift _____!

