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Next week Les #7 A Portrait of love

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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**August 1–7*

Spiritual Gifts

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: 1 Corinthians 12, Eph. 4:11–13, 1 Corinthians 13, 1 Pet. 4:8–11, 1 Cor. 14:27, Amos 3:7.

Memory Text: “Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy” (1 Corinthians 14:1, ESV).

Like a human body, the church is one but has many members, each with different roles, functions, and gifts. Practiced with love, these spiritual gifts promote a sense of unity that reflects the character of the triune God.

This week we will survey 1 Corinthians 12–14 and its teaching on spiritual gifts. This section is part of a slightly larger unit, where Paul deals with the expected Christian behavior in religious settings (1 Corinthians 11–14). Paul's primary concern has to do with the problem of disorderly gatherings. His answer to this problem is that the church is a body whose parts have different functions that contribute to “the edifying of the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12, NKJV). In short, God gave the church spiritual gifts in order to promote unity through diversity.

Certainly, Paul still has in mind the factionalism problem addressed in the first four chapters of 1 Corinthians, where the answer to the lack of agreement among church members is unity in Christ. Now, he develops that idea by presenting his understanding of the role of the spiritual gifts. According to Paul, unity in Christ and the Spirit is the only means of avoiding schisms.

*Study this week's lesson to prepare for Sabbath, August 8.

SUNDAY

August 2

Varieties of Gifts

Paul introduces a new topic in 1 Corinthians 12:1, with the formula “now concerning.” Scholars discuss whether he is talking about “spiritual gifts” or “spiritual people” because the Greek phrase *tōn pneumatikōn* allows both interpretations. “Spiritual gifts” is preferable in light of 1 Corinthians 12:4, where Paul clearly refers to spiritual gifts. In 1 Corinthians 12:2, 3, Paul points out that the Spirit's first gift is the bold confession that Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:2, 3). In New

Testament times, to say that Jesus is Lord is to say that Caesar is not (*Acts 17:7; also John 19:12, 15*). **This was seen as sedition against the imperial power and, hence, was punishable by death.**

Jesus and Paul emphasized that faith in God—even in the face of persecution and the threat of death—is a gift of the Spirit. **Actually, faith is the most basic gift.** Not surprisingly, faith is first on the list in 1 Corinthians 13:13. That faith is a spiritual gift is clear by Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 12:9. However, there are many other gifts. The fact that the Holy Spirit distributes the different types of gifts "to each one individually as He wills" (1 Cor. 12:11, NKJV) proves that all of them are necessary.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1–6. What is the emphasis of this passage?

1 Corinthians 12:1 1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

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Total KJV occurrences: 22

It should be noted that the gifts of the Spirit are not the same as the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23). The former comprise endowments of divine power upon individuals in the church for the accomplishment of God's purpose in bringing about the perfection of His church. The fruits of the Spirit are qualities of character that appear in church members who surrender themselves wholly to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and are actuated by the supreme attribute of the Spirit, which is love (see 1 Cor. 13:13; Gal. 5:22, 23; AA 388; COL 68, 69; 5T 169; 4T 355).

1 Corinthians 12:2 You know that **you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.**

But ye are a chosen generation,

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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From SDA BC:

Carried away. This expression shows that they were not able to control themselves, they were irresistibly drawn to the worship of idols by a power outside of themselves—a power that no doubt worked upon their passions and appetites to delude them into the belief that they were receiving benefits from their idolatrous observances, while in reality they were being ruined thereby. From SDA BC:

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Dumb. The idols to whose altars and temples they were drawn, whether to worship, sacrifice, or consult, are called voiceless, or “dumb,” in contrast with the living God, who has revealed Himself in His Word, and who imparts to His followers spiritual gifts that enable them to speak in His name. **The Lord often draws attention to this voicelessness of the false gods of the heathen as an argument against the folly of worshipping them** (Ps. 115:4, 5; 135:15–17; Hab. 2:18, 19). **Any supernatural manifestations or utterances came, therefore, from demon powers and not from the idols or the gods represented thereby.** From SDA BC:

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Mark 9:39 (KJV)39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

1 Corinthians 12:4 There are diversities of gifts, **but the same Spirit.**

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From SDA BC

4. **Gifts.** Gr. charismata, literally, “gifts of grace.” Here the word refers to the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit dwelling and working in a special manner in individuals. The diversities of gifts are enumerated in vs. 8–11. **From SDA BC**

> Of gifts (**charismatōn**). Late word and chiefly in Paul (cf. **Rom 12:6**) in N.T. (except **1Pe 4:19**), but some examples in papyri. It means a favour (from **charizomai**) **bestowed or received without any merit as in Rom 1:11.**

>> the emphasis is not that everyone has a gift, but that the gift is from God.

REF:>> God has entrusted different gifts to the different members of his body. He has given them such talents and opportunities as will best promote the advancement of his kingdom. In their different lines of work, they have one Head. The same Spirit works through them. There is to be harmonious action, though the gifts differ. RH February 16, 1911, par. 16

1 Corinthians 12:5 There are differences of ministries, **but the same Lord.**
6 And there are diversities of activities, **but it is the same God who works all in all.**

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The repetition of “varieties” emphasizes the multiplicity of gifts. What Paul names as “spiritual gifts” in 1 Corinthians 12:1 is developed in verses 4–6, through three different angles: “gifts” (*charisma*), “services” or “ministries” (*diakonia*), and “activities” (*energēma*). Although these words mean different things, it is important not to draw a fine distinction between them because of the parallelism of the passage. **One should also notice that the spiritual gifts are designed to promote unity based on the triune character of God (see also Eph. 4:8–11).** While the Spirit grants gifts to believers, it is God who empowers them to serve Christ in the community of believers (1 Cor. 12:5, 6). Each believer is granted gifts individually (1 Cor. 12:11), but they all are to benefit the community of believers as a whole.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Question: Are you not sure of what talent the Lord has given you or what is your post of duty?

Proverbs 3:5-6 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Notice again Paul's emphasis on unity. Why is this so important to the church?

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Additional Notes

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G50 (Thayer) ἀγνοέω agnoeō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to be ignorant, not to know
- 2) not to understand, unknown
- 3) to err or sin through mistake, to be wrong

Part of Speech: verb

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from [G1](#) (as a negative particle) and [G3539](#)

Eph 4:4 *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

We are to be guided and controlled by the same Spirit, but in order for this to be, it is not necessary that we all have the same gifts. “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all,” to bring these different operations into perfect harmony. “God hath set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him.” He has placed every man at his post of duty, assigning to him a given work. If you have any question as to your post of duty, pray to God for guidance, and your work will be assigned. God has told us expressly that He has placed every man at his post. BTS April 1, 1903, par. 3

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1Co 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1Co 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

1Co 3:9 For **we are labourers together with God**: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

The twelfth chapter of first Corinthians contains instruction for all who minister before God. The apostle says, "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ... For as the body is one and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." [Verses 4-6, 12.] 16LtMs, Lt 19, 1901, par. 39

The vine has many branches, but though all the branches are different, they do not quarrel. In diversity there is unity. All the branches obtain their nourishment from one source. This is an illustration of the unity that is to exist among Christ's followers. In their different lines of work they all have but one Head. The same Spirit, in different ways, works through them. There is harmonious action, though the gifts differ. Study this chapter. You will see from it that the man who is truly united with Christ will never act as though he were a complete whole in himself. 16LtMs, Lt 19, 1901, par. 40

God will use you when you are willing to be used in His appointed way. Remember that the church of believers constitutes the body of Christ and "that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." [Verse 25.] God calls upon you to unite with your brethren. He has assigned different gifts to the different members of His body. He has given them such talents and opportunities as will best promote His glory and the advancement of His kingdom. He is put to shame when the members of His body work contrary one to the other. 16LtMs, Lt 19, 1901, par. 41

A man does not gain perfection and influence by doing the work of another, but by faithfully discharging his own duties, as a part of the great whole. All the members of Christ's body are to be united by sympathy for one another and by fidelity to Christ. 16LtMs, Lt 19, 1901, par. 42