

## CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1Corinthians 12:1-11

Intro – Paul wanted believers to understand spiritual gifts. Gifts that God’s Holy Spirit gives to every believer.

### I. He reminds them who they serve.

- A. Unbelievers serve dumb gods. Ps.115:4-8
- B. We serve the triune God. (4-6) Matt.28:19, Mt.1:23
- C. We have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Acts 2:38
  - 1. He guides us to glorify Christ. Jn.16:13-14
  - 2. He decides what gifts you get. (7, 11) Eph.4:12-13

### II. The purpose of gifts is to build the church spiritually. (7) “common good”

- A. So use your gift to edify others. Rom.14:19, Rom.15:2, Rom.15:5-7
- B. You are needed. Rom.12:4-5

### III. Paul lists the early church gifts.

- A. Word of wisdom. Ability to understand God’s word and convey it to others.  
2Tim.3:15, 2Tim.2:15
- B. Word of Knowledge. Able to apply spiritual truth in a practical way. Rom.15:14
- C. Faith. Strong enough to accept God’s will, believing He can do all things and acting on that faith. Dan.3:17-18, Matt.17:20. LeTourneau,
- D. Healing. Acts 19:11, James 5:14
- E. Miracles. Supernatural acts of God. George Muller. Acts 28:3
- F. Prophecy. Preaching the word of God. Acts 14:3
- G. Discerning of Spirits. Ability to know what is of God and what is not. 1Jn.4:1
- H. Tongues and interpretation of tongues. Sharing gospel in unknown language. Acts 2:4-6

Con. What’s your gift and how can you use it to benefit the church.

Never give up praying until the answer comes. Here is the great secret of success Muller