

“Gifts That Keep on Giving”

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

BIG IDEA: Authentic Christians know the matters of the Spirit matter.

*“Now concerning spiritual gifts: brothers and sisters,
I do not want you to be unaware.”
1 Corinthians 12:1 (CSB)*

👉 **The Spirit exalts Jesus Christ. (v 1-3)**

👉 **The Spirit empowers Christians. (v 4-11)**

- **How the gifts are deployed.**
 - The Holy Spirit provides the gifts.
 - The Lord Jesus provides the opportunities.
 - The Heavenly Father provides the effect.
- **The various gifts:**
 - **Speaking Gifts:**
 - Prophecy
 - Word of Knowledge
 - Word of Wisdom
 - Teaching

- **Serving Gifts:**
 - Administration (leadership)
 - Helps
 - Faith
 - Distinguish spirits (discernment)
- **Sign Gifts:**
 - Apostleship
 - Miracles
 - Healing
 - Languages (tongues)
 - Interpretation (of languages)

👉 **The Spirit unifies the Church. (v 7b)**

👉 **The Spirit baptizes believers. (v 12-13)**

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Read: Read Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:11 & 1 Peter 4:10-11 and re-read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.
Think: Consider the New Testament teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, and then ask yourself the following questions: *What was the best gift you ever received or gave? What do you imagine was happening in the Corinthian worship services (v 1-3, see also 10:19-20)? Why is the content (rather than the experience) of the speech most important (v 3)? How is the diversity of the gifts related to the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Since the Corinthians were proud of their spirituality (1:12; 4:8; 5:2), how might v 7 & 11 surprised them?*

Do: Of the gifts listed here, do any have your name on them? How so? Take time to go affirm the strengths and gifts you see in others.