

# Understanding Spiritual Gifts

I Corinthians 12.1-30

## Spiritual Gifts are:

- Given by the grace of God: “charisma”) 12.4
- Properly related to God: “Spiritual” 12.1
- The display of the Spirit: “manifestation of the Spirit”: 12.7
- For the good of the body: “Profit withal” 12.7

There are:

- Diversities of Gifts, 12.4-11
- But only 1 body, 12.12-14
- Each member is necessary, 12.15-22

Not only is each member of the Body necessary, but God has tempered the body, 12.22-26

“Tempering” is “to bring to a suitable state by mixing in or adding a usually liquid ingredient” Merriam-Webster.com

# I Corinthians 12.22-27

- Feeble (sick, weak, impotent) parts are necessary parts, 12.22
- 12.23: In our own bodies, we tend to give the most honor to the least honorable parts (we own lots of shoes, don't we?)

- 12.23: In our own bodies, the uncomely parts have more comeliness (importance or standing)
- Our internal organs aren't very "comely," but they sure are important.
- 12.24: we don't need to honor or call attention, to that which is obviously important and elegant

- 12.24: and this is of God
- 12.25: so that the body parts, though in some ways unequal, will care for each other equally
- 12.26: so if one body part suffers, the body suffers, and if one body part rejoices, the whole body rejoices

- 12.27: Paul isn't really talking about human bodies
- The Corinthians were individual members of the Body of Christ
- And so they are to behave as a human body behaves, with regard to other members of the body.