

IGNORANCE OF SPIRITUAL THINGS CAN HURT YOU (1 Corinthians 12:1-3)

- **3 things to remember about the Corinthian church:**

- 1) This church was _____, lacking no spiritual gifts. (1:5-7)
- 2) This church consisted of _____ who were characterized as being _____. (3:1-4)
- 3) This church was loaded with many _____. (1 Corinthians)

- **What is 1 Corinthians 12-14 all about?**

- 1) 1 Corinthians 12 deals with the _____, _____, _____, and _____ of spiritual gifts amidst the _____ of the Body of Christ.
- 2) 1 Corinthians 13 deals with the _____ and _____ of _____ in the exercise of spiritual gifts which are _____.
- 3) 1 Corinthians 14 deals with proper _____, _____, and _____ of speaking in tongues in contrast to the gift of prophecy.

- **Principle to remember: The possession of certain spiritual gifts is not necessarily an evidence of true _____.**

A. The CONCERN of Paul. (12:1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1. The phrase, “Now concerning” (peri de) is Paul’s method of introducing a _____.
2. The word translated “spiritual” (pneumatikon, not charisma) refers to _____, including spiritual gifts, but not limited to them.
3. Paul’s great concern for these believers rotated around their _____ of spiritual things.
 - **Principle to remember: The possession of certain spiritual gifts is not necessarily an evidence of true _____.**
 - **Principle to remember: Being _____ regarding true spirituality and spiritual gifts can _____ you.**

B. The COUNTERFEITS of their PAST. (12:2) You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

1. Paul reminds these believers how they were _____ prior to coming to faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Prior to their salvation, these individuals had been involved in religious practices that involved being _____, however they _____.
 - What is mysticism? Mysticism is the false belief that encourages its adherents to possess a deeper or higher _____ based on some personal _____, subjective _____, inward _____, or extra-biblical _____.
 - How does mysticism express itself in our day?

- **Principle to remember: When the Holy Spirit controls a person, he is not _____ or out of control, for the fruit of the Spirit is _____.** (Gal.5:22-23)
- **Principle to remember: True spiritual gifts can be _____ through human or demonic means.**

C. The CLARITY of Scriptural PRINCIPLE - Starting with the Truth about JESUS CHRIST. (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.

1. Paul clarifies the importance of making sound doctrine _____ to these believers.
2. Paul emphasizes that a correct biblical doctrine of _____, and not a person's experience, is the first determiner of the Holy Spirit's real ministry.
 - What is the true Gospel of Jesus Christ?
 - **Principle to remember: The first test of discernment to be applied to a "spiritually gifted" person is that of _____, especially regarding the Gospel of _____, for this has as its source the _____.**
 - How does this apply to you?