

A PRIMER ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

In 12:1-3 Paul reminded the Corinthians that some of their ideas about spirituality came from _____ religions
Paul said all disciples who confessed Jesus as Lord with their lives were truly _____ —did so by the Spirit

I. FOUR VIEWS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: DIVERSITY IN _____

A. View #1: The Holy Spirit Apportions _____ 12:4

- 1) “Diversities” and “differences” in vv.4-6 and “distributing” in v.11 means to _____
- 2) When the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts we each get a unique _____ of spiritual giftedness
- 3) The word translated “gifts” is still used in modern Greek and it is used of _____ gifts
- 4) “Gift” comes from the same root as _____ throughout the NT: it gives no reason to boast
- 5) V.11: the Holy Spirit distributes gifts “as He wills” indicating that He is a _____ not a force
- 6) All the spiritual gifts given to ALL believers have the same, single sovereign _____ of the Spirit.

B. View #2: The Lord Jesus Apportions _____ 12:5

- 1) Many Christians are frustrated trying to figure out which spiritual _____ they have, but the average Christian will have much more success figuring out which _____ the Lord Jesus has given him
- 2) You ought to be able to _____ the ministries Jesus has given you; if not, try some on for size
- 3) Have you wondered how you can show your love for Jesus? By doing the _____ He gave you

C. View #3: God the Father Apportions _____ 12:6

- 1) When God works in us—energizes us—He gives us both the will (desire) & the ____ (follow-through)
- 2) When we find a ministry that Jesus has given us, a _____ for that ministry will grow inside us
- 3) When we are passionate about a particular ministry, it can lead us to drive an agenda in the church that can cause interpersonal conflict, but the same _____ energizes ALL the ministries in the church

D. View #4: God Gives to Each the _____ of the Holy Spirit 12:7

- 1) “Manifestation” is used of Jesus appearing after His resurrection—a _____ manifestation
- 2) The _____ is seen in public concrete ways when we exercise our spiritual gifts and ministries
- 3) These public displays of the Spirit occur only when we serve for the profit of _____ not just ourselves
- 4) The power of the Spirit is seen not just in _____ things, but also in mundane everyday ministries

II. THE TRINITARIAN SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: _____ IN UNITY

A. Paul teaches in vv.4-6 that all 3 members of the _____ are involved in equipping us for ministry

B. Paul used the Trinity in this passage because it is the perfect illustration of _____ in unity

C. The Trinity is not 1 _____ with 3 roles, but rather 1 God in 3 persons, each with His own office:

- 1) The office of the Father is to be the _____
- 2) The office of the Son is to be the _____
- 3) The office of the Spirit is to be the _____

D. There is diversity in the offices of the Godhead yet there is also perfect _____ among the 3 persons

- 1) We do not worship 3 gods; we worship 1 God: never has there been any _____ w/in the Trinity
- 2) We must be like God! We have different gifts/ministries/passions, but we must be _____