

Now Concerning Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

(series #44)

Introduction: general principles about spiritual gifts

- Spiritual gifts are not natural abilities
- Gifts are not a sign of spirituality - I Cor. 1:7, 11:17
- Spiritual gifts are important to understand - I Cor. 12:1
- The Holy Spirit is the determiner - I Corinthians 12:11
- The gifts are for the edification of others - I Cor. 14:12, 26
- The gifts and fruit of the Spirit aren't the same
- You can have a gift and not use it - 1 Tim. 4:14, 2 Tim. 1:6
- Each gift is a characteristic of Christ
- There may be more gifts than the ones mentioned

I. The Introduction to Spiritual Gifts v. 1

A. "Now concerning spiritual gifts..."

B. "I do not want you to be ignorant"

II. The Past Practices of the Corinthians v. 2

A. They had been involved in idolatry

1. "Enthusiasm" - visions, revelations, dreams

2. "Ecstasy" - interaction with a deity

B. These were not to be a part of their worship

III. The Tests of Holy Spirit Involvement v. 3

A. The Holy Spirit does not condemn Jesus

1. This may have been from mindless frenzy

2. They may have been from tongues

B. The Holy Spirit does promote Jesus is Lord

Conclusion: The Spirit's goal is to exalt Jesus' Lordship