

Where Do I Fit?

1 Corinthians 12

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Notes:

(1) Included in these sermon notes are the four passages focused on spiritual gifts in the letters of the New Testament. Spiritual gifts are also exemplified in *The Gospels* and the Book of *Acts*, not included in these notes.

(2) Specific spiritual gifts and references to types of spiritual gifts are in **bold**.

(3) Truths about spiritual gifts and where we each fit into the church are marked by hand and numbered.

Truths about spiritual gifts and where we each fit into the church:

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren,

1 I do not want you to be unaware.

2 You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore I make known to you, that

2 no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

3 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

4 7 But to each one is given

5 the manifestation of the Spirit

6 for the common good.

8 For to one is given **the word of wisdom** through the Spirit, and to another the **word of knowledge** according to the same Spirit;

9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of **healing** by the one Spirit,

¹⁰ and to another the effecting of **miracles**, and to another **prophecy**, and to another the **distinguishing of spirits**, to another *various* kinds of **tongues**, and to another the **interpretation of tongues**.

7 ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

8 ¹² For even as the body is one

9 and yet has many members,

10 and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. *see verse 27*

11 ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free,

12 and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.

¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.

¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body.

²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

²² On the contrary, it is much truer that

13 the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

²³ and those *members* of the body, which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor,

and our unseemly *members come to* have more abundant seemliness,

²⁴ whereas our seemly *members* have no need of it.

But God has so composed the body,

giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

14 ²⁵ that there should be no division in the body,

15 but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

16 ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. !
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²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then gifts of **healings**, **helps**, **administrations**, *various* kinds of **tongues**.

17 ²⁹ All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* miracles, are they?

³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?

18 ³¹ But earnestly desire the greater gifts.

19 And I show you a still more excellent way.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ Whoever **speaks**, *let him speak*, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever **serves**, *let him do so* as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love,

³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸ Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men."

⁹ (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹ And He gave some as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors** and **teachers**,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Romans 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,

⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them accordingly*: if **prophecy**, according to the proportion of his faith;

⁷ if **service**, in his serving; or he who **teaches**, in his teaching;

⁸ or he who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

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