

Sermon Series:
“Giving Your Life Away”
Me, A Gifted Son or Daughter

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1 Corinthians 12



Time in the Word

Read & Observe: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

As you read through this passage, take a little time to just down at least 3-4 things that jump out at you. What are they and why did they hit you in a way that caught your attention?

Answer

1. The sure sign of God’s presence in a life 12:1-3.
 - a. So the opening point is that all of us who lived as unbelievers for any length of time followed false gods (ie. “mute idols”). What were some of the things you personally fell into that turned out to be phony?
 - b. Seems like the initial point is that only one kind of person on the earth can with integrity say “Jesus is Lord”. What kind of person is it?
2. The emphasized pairings 12:4-6
 - a. There are a pair of words that are repeated 3x in these few verses. What are they and why are they important?
 - b. Can you give some real life examples of different gifts, service, and workings functioning within DEC? What would that look like? (maybe use a short term mission trip as your example—then show how all 3 things operate).
3. Oh, those gifts! 12:7-11 (and Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12:27-31, Eph. 4:11-13)
 - a. Time to put the list together. Read through the four passages above and list the different gifts. Pick any 3 and tell the story of someone you know that has this gift.
 - b. Look at verse 7. How many believers are given gifts by the Holy Spirit? Why does He give them?
 - c. When it is all said and done, the gifts that are given to a church—who determines which ones and how many are given?
 - d. If the Holy Spirit is truly the giver of gifts, what should our attitude be towards the gifts we receive and those given to others in the body?
 - e. These weren’t “once a week” Christians. They met ever day. Why the constant meeting?? What was it that drew them together with this kind of intensity?
 - f. So who led all these “house” gatherings, and how did these folks get trained?



Time for the Heart

Often you here the refrain, “I just don’t know if I have any gifts”. Considering what you just studied, what do we know about such a statement? Do you personally know what gift/s you have? How do you know this? There is nowhere in the Bible that shows us how to determine what gift(s) is the one we got, so would you go about discovering such a thing? The obvious question—once discovered, what is our responsibility in using our giftedness?