

# Day 4 – The Spirit Gives Spiritual Gifts

The Holy Spirit has the role of bestowing spiritual gifts to each believer. It is he who equips us and empowers us by these spiritual gifts to serve.

Read *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*.

- According to verse 7, to whom are these various spiritual gifts given?  
*(to each; in other words, all who are in Christ receive spiritual gifts)*
- According to verse 7, what are these gifts to be used for?  
*(the common good; to build up the body of Christ by the service of its members)*
- According to this verse 11, who bestows spiritual gifts?  
*(the Holy Spirit)*
- According to verse 11, how does the Spirit determine who gets what gift?  
*(he apportions to each one individually as he wills; gifts are given according to the will of the Holy Spirit)*

Read *1 Corinthians 12:12-26*.

- How does this metaphor of a body and its members inform how we view our spiritual gifts?  
*(one way it informs our view would be that we are to use our gifts to benefit the body)*
- How does this passage give dignity to all spiritual gifts given to believers by the Spirit?  
*(each gift is needed just as each part of the body is needed)*
- What is the central truth throughout this passage?  
*(unity; there are many gifts, but one Spirit, Lord, God; there are many members, but one body)*

We are to be unified in Christ as we utilize the spiritual gifts that the Spirit bestows to each of us in service to the ministry and mission of the Church – namely, the advancing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Close in prayer, thanking God for the gifts he has bestowed by the Spirit on each of us who have identified with Christ and asking that he reveal areas of service for you personally.