



Well Check wk5: Spiritual Gifts

Introduction: For the church body to be healthy, everyone needs to use their spiritual gifts. One of the problems that happens is people often don't know what their gifts are, or they think that they don't have them or that their gifts and contributions aren't needed or valued. What if we recognized that there are no small spiritual gifts because they come from our God.

Discussion Questions

1. Some churches almost ignore spiritual gifts, while others emphasize them to a degree that can look comical. What is the problem with both approaches? Have you been in a setting where there approach to spiritual gifts made you uncomfortable?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 12:7-11** The very first verse here lays out two important details about spiritual gifts. What are they? Have you identified what your spiritual gifts are? How have you done that?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-20** Paul uses the body as a metaphor for the church and our spiritual gifts. What points is he making? Why do we tend to think some gifts/positions are more valuable than others? Why do we admire some gifts and tend to ignore or de-value others? What is the problem with that?
4. Chapters 12, 13 & 14 are one long discourse on spiritual gifts. Chapter 14 focuses on two of the more visible gifts, tongues (or languages) and prophecy. He encourages both but puts some guidelines in place. Read **1 Corinthians 14:23-25** Why are these guidelines necessary? How are we to know when to take someone seriously with prophecy or tongues? How have both been abused?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 14:32-33** The Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) acts in the same nature of God, order and peace. How should that shape the way we feel about or experience prophecy?
6. Because every follower of Jesus has a spiritual gift for the common good, how are or how can you both learn your giftedness and use them for the larger church?

Shaping Your Mind – *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*
1Corinthians 12:7

Moving Forward – You have a gift for a reason, use it!