

The Gifts of the Spirit – Different Gifts, Same Spirit  
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1 Cor 12:1; 4-18

1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

- We must acknowledge our fear and lack of understanding of spiritual gifts
- Talents & Spiritual Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23) is Different than Spiritual Gifts

Talents: Natural Abilities – can operate without Divine assistance

Spiritual Fruit: Moral Virtues (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)

Spiritual Gifts: Divine, Supernatural Ability given from God for Mission

## 1. EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A SPIRITUAL GIFT(S)

John 14:17

[the Spirit of truth] lives with you and will be in you.

1 Cor 12:6

There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1 Cor 7:7

Each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

## 2. PERSONAL FULFILLMENT AND JOY COMES ONLY THROUGH EXERCISING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Root word for Gift is Charisma.

Charisma comes from the word which means Joy.

## 3. EACH GIFT IS DESIGNED TO BUILD AND PERFECT THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Cor 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 14:12

... excel in gifts that build up the church.

Eph 4:12

to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

## 4. GOD DESIRES FOR US TO DISCOVER AND APPLY OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Eph 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

## CONCLUSION:

The Body of Christ is not complete and whole without YOU.

Wylie Methodist Church is not complete and whole without YOU.

2 Tim 1:6

fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you