

Spiritual Gifts

The Spirit gives diverse gifts to build one body, and love is the more excellent way that makes every gift serve Christ.

Day 1 Afternoon

Read "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit... the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all." (1 Corinthians 12:4, 7, NKJV)

Think About

- ? Why does Paul emphasize different gifts but the same Spirit?
- ? How does the phrase "for the profit of all" change the way we view our abilities?

Notice

- ? Repeated contrast: _____
- ? Source of the gifts: _____
- ? What this shows about service: _____

Apply What gift or ability can I offer this week for someone else's good?

Day 2

Read "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." (1 Corinthians 12:11, NKJV)

Think About

- ? Why is it good news that the Spirit distributes gifts as He wills?
- ? How can trusting the Spirit reduce jealousy or comparison?

Notice

- ? The active giver: _____
- ? The deciding factor: _____
- ? What this shows about God's wisdom: _____

Apply Where do I need to stop comparing my role with someone else's role?

Day 3

Read "For in fact the body is not one member but many... God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." (1 Corinthians 12:14, 18, NKJV)

Think About

- ? Why is the body such a strong picture of the church?
- ? What happens when everyone wants the same visible role?

Notice

- ? The body truth: _____
- ? God's arrangement: _____
- ? What this shows about belonging: _____

Apply Who can I encourage this week because their quiet service matters?

Day 4

Read "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal." (1 Corinthians 13:1, NKJV)

Think About

- ? Why do gifts become empty noise without love?
- ? What is the difference between serving from pride and serving from love?

Notice

? The impressive gift named: _____

? The missing ingredient: _____

? What this shows about Christlike service: _____

Apply How can I add genuine love to one responsibility I already have?

Day 5

Read "Let all things be done for edification... For God is not the author of confusion but of peace." (1 Corinthians 14:26, 33, NKJV)

Think About

? Why should public worship build people up instead of showcasing people?

? How does God's peace guide the use of spiritual gifts?

Notice

? The rule for gatherings: _____

? God's character: _____

? What this shows about worship: _____

Apply What is one way I can build peace and encouragement when believers gather?

Day 6

Read "He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men." (1 Corinthians 14:3, NKJV)

Think About

? Why does Paul value clear words that build up, challenge, and comfort?

? How can God use ordinary believers to speak timely encouragement?

Notice

? Three purposes named: _____

? Who receives the benefit: _____

? What this shows about spiritual speech: _____

Apply Who needs a clear word of encouragement or comfort from me today?

Day 7 Reflection

This week I discovered:

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A truth about Jesus I want to remember:

One step I will take this week:

Prayer: