



The Spirit Equips Us for Service

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Sermon Proposition

The Holy Spirit Equips Us for Service.

Value Your Gifting

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

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)

Value Each Other

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Value the Best

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:31 (NIV)

Open It!

What is one of the most useful gifts that you have ever received?

Read It!

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Consider It!

What does this passage teach you about spiritual gifts (grace gifts)? Summarize the teaching from each of these verses.

12:4-6

12:7

12:11

12:24-26

12:27

What responsibilities do you have toward other members of the body?

How did the Spirit of God gift people in the Old Testament and for what purpose (Exodus 31:1-11 and 35:30-36:2)?

How does God's purpose in Exodus compare with His purpose for gifts in the New Testament (Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 4:15-16; 1 Cor. 12:24-26)? What is God building? How are they different? How are they the same? List the gifts mentioned in the following passages 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10; 28-30 and Eph. 4:7, 11-12.

Share an example of how you have seen one of these gifts used to serve other.

What would you say that your spiritual gift or gifts are? What spiritual gift(s) have other members of your family or group observed in you?

Live It!

How might you use your spiritual gift in service to others?

Pray and watch for an opportunity to serve others this week.

Record the opportunity and how you responded here.