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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus’ name I ask it, Lord I ask that each person is filled with Your wisdom. I thank You for blessing each person with spiritual gifts as needed and enabling us in Your grace to do what You have called us to do. Lay across each person’s heart this day and spirit, with whom they may bless and how and whom to pray for and how, I ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Scripture

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I would not have you ignorant. **2** You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, even as you were led. **3** Why I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Mark 9:39; John 13:13; 1Cor 8:6;

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. Rom 12:6; 1Pet 4:10; **5** And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit with.

1 Corin. 12:1-7

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8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these works that one and the self same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. Rom 12:3; Rom 12:6; Eph 4:7; 1Cor 7:7; 2Cor 10:13; **1 Corin. 12:8-11**

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Deut 6:5; Deut 10:12; Deut 30:6; Luke 10:27; 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like to it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Lev 19:18; Mark 12:31; Rom 13:9; Gal 5:14; Eph 5:2; 1Thess 4:9; Jas 2:8; 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Matthew 22:36-40**

(I have included the Matthew scripture on Love.....for the Spiritual gifts operate in Love.....)

Throughout the Old Testament and during Jesus' ministry. God gave special miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit in certain places and at certain times to help the community of believers guide themselves in the truth. John the Baptist prophesied that the Messiah, Jesus, would baptize Christians with the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' final days with the disciples, He promised them that when He left them, His Father would send them (and all New Testament Christians) another Counselor to be with them forever, the Spirit of truth (John 14:16). This promise was fulfilled for the disciples at Pentecost, when all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. The outward sign of the indwelling of the Spirit manifested itself in the speaking of tongues, one of the many spiritual gifts (1 Corin. 14: Acts 2:4). The various gifts of the Spirit, some natural, some supernatural, are enumerated in verse 8-10 and include; wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues. The great love chapter that follows is part of the discussion of the relative value of these various gifts. Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for the unity and diversity of the spiritual gifts given to Christians who are individual members of the one body of Christ. He emphasizes that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. In the church of Christ there are no social distinctions. Paul specifically addresses the church members who feel that their spiritual gifts are inferior to those received by others. He exalts them and suggests that those Christians with gifts and functions that may seem insignificant should be given special honor (12:24).

Paul stresses the importance of unity in the body and encourages the believers to have concern for each other. If one church member suffers, then the whole church suffers with that person. If one church member is honored, then the whole church body should rejoice with him or her. Paul encourages the church to eagerly desire these spiritual gifts, not for one's own selfish pride, but because they are God's way, the more excellent way. The are the way of love, which is a fruit of the Spirit.

Apparently there had recently been a brilliant display of gifts of the Holy Spirit in Corinth. While Paul had undoubtedly prayed that these gifts would bring only joy and peace, he heard that envy had been developing over those in the church who had received the spiritual gift of tongues. Paul reminds the church that every member of the body of Christ has been given some spiritual gift that is evidence of the Spirit working in his or her life. God intends these gifts to build up the church body. The spiritual gifts are not to be used selfishly, to build up one's position in the church, as apparently some in the Corinthian community were doing. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; commentaries and history; pages 783-784)

There are different gifts but one Holy Spirit. People can have the same gift, but it works differently in their lives. The gifts of the Spirit are given to profit everyone in the Body of Christ. The word of wisdom isn't a reservoir that can be drawn upon at any time, but a spontaneous prompting of the Spirit. How to discern between our own heart and the voice of God; Anything that modifies or contradicts God's already revealed truth isn't from God, for His truth doesn't change; if something is ridiculous, it isn't from Him; We can wait and see if it comes to pass. The word of wisdom is knowledge applied. Sometimes we're given knowledge so that we'll pray. No other action may be necessary. The gift of prophecy is more a speaking forth of God's message than a foretelling of events. Discerning of spirits is the ability to discriminate between the Spirit of God and the spirit of Satan (Revelation 2:2). The whole Church is one body. We need the unifying power of the Holy Spirit to bring us together in love. All the parts of the body are vitally important. Our place in the body determines what the best gifts are for our ministry. We desire the power of the Spirit in our lives, but love demonstrates a deeper walk with God than the exercise of spiritual gifts. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005 ; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 86)

Love is the greatest thing in the world. 1 Corin. 12:31 teaches us that love should be number one on our spiritual priority list. We should study love, pray about love, and develop the fruit of love by practicing loving others. We learn in Gal. 5:22,23 that love is one of the nine fruits of the Spirit available to those in whom God's Holy Spirit lives. God is love, so when we walk in His love we abide in Him. Because we walk in God's love by receiving and expressing it, we should not deceive ourselves into thinking we can love God while we hate other people (1 John 4:20).

(KJV Bible; Scripture; Amplified Bible; Scripture; commentaries, notes; Joyce Meyers; pages 1866-1869)

7 But to every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Rom 12:6; 1Cor 12:11; 2Cor 10:13; 1Pet 4:10; 8 Why he said, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men. Ps 68:18; 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? John 3:13; John 6:62; 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 1Cor 12:28; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Rom 12:5; 1Cor 12:27; Eph 1:23; Eph 5:23; Col 1:24; 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

14 That we from now on be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 1Cor 14:20; Matt 11:7; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: Eph 5:23; Col 1:18; 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love. Rom 12:5; 1Cor 12:27; Eph 2:21; **Ephes. 4: 7-16**

19 Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; Gal 6:10; 20 And are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 1Cor 3:9-10; Isa 28:16; Matt 16:18; 1Cor 3:10; Rev 21:14; 1Pet 2:4; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together grows to an holy temple in the Lord: Eph 4:16; 1Cor 6:19; 2Cor 6:16; 22 In whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. **Ephes. 2:19-22**

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light
unto my path.**



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