

VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

(1 Cor.12:4-6) reveals all members of the Godhead involved in spiritual gifts. This reveals how important spiritual gifts are in biblical history of the church age.

There are varieties	(diairesis)	of gifts	(charisma)	but the same Spirit (12:4)
There are varieties	(diairesis)	of ministries	(diakonia)	but the same Lord (12:5)
There are varieties	(diairesis)	of effects	(energema)	but the same God

who works all things in all (1 Cor.12:6).

Note the order in which Paul presented the Godhead: Spirit, Lord, and God. The normal order is Father, Lord, and Spirit.

Note also that the same Greek word diairesis (variety, difference, diversity) is used with the three different members of the Godhead when referring to spiritual gifts.

This lesson will study five aspects of the importance of the variety of Spiritually Gifted ministries of the local church.

1. The varieties of spiritual gifts are distributed by the Holy Spirit at salvation by the Master's plan:

- (1 Cor.12:11) [Spirit wills]
- (1 Cor.12:18) [God placed and desired]
- (1 Cor.12:24) [God composed]
- (1 Cor.12:28) [God appointed]; (Rom.12:3) [God allotted]

The Holy Spirit is the sole distributor of spiritual gifts at salvation (1 Cor.12:11; Heb.2:4). They are grace gifts (charisma) which mean that you do not merit them or receive them by the will of other believers or do something spiritual to get them. Spiritual gifts are not left to the believer's choice.

2. (1 Cor.12:4-6) teaches us the dynamics of the spiritually gifted ministry program of the local church designed and operated by the Godhead.

Spiritual gifts are different charismatic (charisma) grace gifts functioning under same indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:4).

They are different ministries of service functioning under the headship of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.12:5).

Spiritual gifts are different effects or performances functioning by God working all things together according to the Master's plan (1 Cor.12:6).

The variety of spiritual gifts are all charismatic, supernatural abilities (charisma) that all church age believers possess because of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:1-5).

3. **(1 Cor.12:7) teaches that every church age believer is given a spiritual gift to be manifested in a local church (example: The Corinthian church).**

But to each one (hekastos / dsm)

is given (didomi / pass / ind.) [the passive tense meaning that which is received at the point of grace salvation]

the manifestation (ho phanerosis) [visible appearance]

of the Spirit for the common good (to sumpheron / p.a.ptc) [to bear together, to confer good].”

Hekastos (**each one**) explains that there are NO spiritually ‘ungifted’ believers in the church age.

Receiving a spiritual gift is one (1) of the eight (8) works of the Holy Spirit that take place at the moment of grace salvation:

Adoption, (spiritual)	Sealing-Earrest
Baptism,	Spiritual Life
Indwelling,	Sanctification
Regeneration	Spiritual Gift

4. **Varieties of spiritual gifts result in different visible manifestations of ministries performing supernaturally under the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit in the local church**

(1 Cor.12:7) “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

(1 Cor.12:14) Spiritual gifts are not for personal spiritual benefit but rather for the common good of other members of the body of Christ (common good) – “For the body is not one member, but many.”

(1 Cor.12:19) “And if they were all one member, where would the body be?”

(Rom.12:4-6) “For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.”

5. **Variety of spiritual gifts are designed for the edification and the common good of the local body of Christ, the church (1 Cor.12:7)**

(1 Cor.14:12) “So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.”

(1 Cor.14:26b) “Let all things be done for edification.”

(1 Cor.12:12-28) Different spiritual gifted parts of the one body are held together by the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the word of God. (Eph.4:11-16).

(Eph.4:16) “From whom the whole body, being fitted together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”

(1 Cor.12:25-26) “That **there should be no division in the body**, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And **if one** member suffers, **all** the members suffer with it; **if one** member is honored, **all** the members rejoice with it.”