

Spiritual Gifts

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I Corinthians 12

We Play for the Same Coach (12:1-6)

There is an essential unity in the body of Christ, but not _____.
Our unity is formed around the identity of our Lord.

No one can say "Jesus be cursed" by the Holy Spirit. (v. 3)
What would lead someone to say such a thing?

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_____ *Kurios*

"Caesar is Lord"
"Christ is Lord"

You Made the Cut (12:7-11)

There is an overwhelming blessing to being *wanted* and *called* by God.

The spiritual life is not the Frank Sinatra Syndrome: *Do Be Do Be Do*

Our _____ must always arise from _____.

Verses 7 and 11 make it clear that each of us has received at least one gift.

These gifts are supernatural. They are not genetic endowments.

This is only a sampling of spiritual gifts (note Romans 12:3-8).
Altogether, the Bible mentions _____ spiritual enablements.

Everybody Gets the Ball (12:12-20)

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (v. 27)

We are all _____ with a lower case *m*.

The Bible makes it clear that none of us is expendable.
Do you want to be #1? Then be the _____ of everyone else.

Diversity is what makes a body actually operate as a body.

Paul makes it clear that this should not create grounds for jealousy.
The "star system" in many contemporary churches is surely abhorrent to God.

We Win and Lose Together (12:21-26)

Verse 13 makes it clear that in the body of Christ, there shall be no divisions (schisma, v. 25) along racial, economic, or sociological lines.

We can never say to another believer, "I don't really need you." (v. 21)

God has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it. (v. 24)

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." (v. 26) The hardest one of those tasks is the _____.

Practice, Practice, Practice (12:27-31)

Spiritual gifts are charismas, which might be translated _____.

All the gifts are for service, for the common good (v. 7), not for private amusement or personal advancement.

"The fastest way to the throne is through the servant's entrance."

A spiritual charisma plus heartfelt _____ equals maximum _____ and minimal _____.

Leadership Gifts

Apostles, prophets, and teachers are given priority ranking.

The word "equip" comes from the word _____.

Helping Gifts

"Those able to help others" probably served the poor.

An "administrator" was a kubernesis, or ship's _____.

Sign Gifts

Paul addresses these gifts in more detail in chapter 14.

What role doesn't appear on any NT gift list? _____

Paul's seven chapter-ending questions are all rhetorical.
In each case, the answer should be a resounding _____.

A few people, relentlessly living out their commitment, have the capacity to change the world for everyone else.