

Adult Impact Study Sheet

October 8, 2023 – Spiritual Gifts: Our Responsibility to God and Others

Read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**; if possible from several translations.

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1. Notice that in verses 1-6 Paul emphasizes unity believers ought to have in the Body of Christ, that all who genuinely profess faith in Christ have the Holy Spirit within them. Why is that important before speaking about spiritual gifts?
2. Warren Wiersbe writes, “The source of the gift is God; the spirit for administering the gift is from God; and the energy to use the gift is from God.¹” Discuss that statement.
3. Tony Evans writes, “a spiritual gift is a God-given and empowered ability to serve him in ways that benefit others.²” Discuss that in light of verses 4-7 and 1 Peter 4:10.

Charles Stanley writes, “God makes the church interdependent because He never meant for believers to ‘go it alone’ in their walk of faith, but to enjoy the amazing blessings of fellowship with Him and others.³” Expand on that thought.

4. Notice in verse 7 that a spiritual gift is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, an expression of God, not of the believer himself. We as believers are not the source of the gift, it doesn’t come by our effort. Anything done by ourselves without the Holy Spirit’s working is but a mimicry of the spiritual gift. Discuss that thought.
5. Note that a spiritual gift differs from natural talent. All people have natural talent. However, spiritual gifting may make use of natural talent. Discuss how you may have observed that in someone.
6. Why, in His wisdom, does God not allow us to choose our spiritual gift? (v. 11)
7. What is the difference in the spiritual gifts God gives and the fruit of the Spirit we read of in Galatians 5:22-23?

¹ *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary NT*, p. 485

² *The Tony Evans Bible Commentary*, p. 1168

³ *The Charles Stanley Life Principles Bible*, p. 1799