

CHARISMATICS - SPIRITUALISTS

1 Corinthians 12:1

Introduction: There is much ignorance about the subject of spiritual gifts in today's Churches. The subject of the "charismatic" is found in several places in God's Word, four specifically and some 19 different "gifts" are listed.

- **Romans 12:6-8** - Prophecy, ministering, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling, showing mercy.
- **2 Corinthians 12:8-10** - Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning spirits, tongues, interpretation.
- **1 Corinthians 12:28-30** - Apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, governments, tongues, interpretation.
- **Ephesians 4:11** - Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers

I. TYPICAL GROUPINGS OF GIFTS

1. Gifts for use within the Church:

- Gifts for ministering of the Gospel - (**1 Corinthians 12:8-10**)
- Gifts for work in the Church - (**1 Corinthians 12:28-30**)
- Gifts for ministry of the Church - (**Romans 12:6-8**)
- Gifts for building up of the Church - (**Ephesians 4:11**)

2. Gifts for personal development:

- Gifts of emotions - (**1 Corinthians 13:1**)
- Gifts of intellect - (**1 Corinthians 13:2**)
- Gifts of practical use - (**1 Corinthians 13:2**)
- Gifts of philanthropy, sacrifice - (**1 Corinthians 13:3**)

3. Gifts for various uses:

- Gifts connected with the ministry of the Word:
 - apostleship, prophecy, discerning of spirits, teaching, etc.
- Gifts connected with practical uses:
 - miracles, healings, ruling, helps, governments, etc.
- Gifts of revelation:
 - wisdom, knowledge, discerning
- Gifts of power:
 - faith, working miracles, healing
- Gifts of inspiration
 - prophecy, tongues, interpretation.

4. Gifts were used by non-perfect Christians:

- No one with spiritual gifts was faultless, each had sin and weaknesses.
- They frequently misused gifts for vanity, egotism, self-esteem.

- All of the greatest saints had glaring faults and none were perfect.
- Churches of today are made up of imperfect people.
- Because of these weaknesses in is all, Paul gave certain rules of control over spiritual gifts.

1 Thessalonians 5:20; 1 Corinthians 14:29-32

II. UNITY IN DIVERSITY

1. Churches are made up of diverse people - each person is different from the rest.
 - Some things are common-saved, baptized, are temples of God, confirmed by the Holy Spirit, but usually things in common end there.
 - Differing gifts is God's idea.
2. ***1 Corinthians 12:12-20*** - All are needed, each gift is necessary within the Church.
3. Look at the world around us. There is much diversity there yet all is from God, all is needed. While the non-Christian sees noting worth while in much, the Christian sees God.
4. Some with spiritual gifts, varied, different, yet all are needed and all come from the same source.
5. The works of the Holy Spirit are not the same, yet all work together for the good of God.
6. Snowflakes, leaves, stones, none are alike, but are a part of God's creation.

CONCLUSION:

1. ***1 Corinthians 12:21-26*** - Each gift is vital.
2. If your toe hurts, it affects your whole body.
3. The most feeble part of your body contributes something.
4. "I can't do anything but pray." There can be no greater thing done than prayer.
1 Corinthians 12:9 - Faith
5. ***1 Corinthians 12:22*** - Every single gift, every single Church member is necessary, needed.
6. God has a place for all of us and a gift for each of us to be used for His purpose and cause.