

# **Learning and Living the Bible Together**

## ***Lessons from 1 Corinthians***

### ***1 Cor. 12***

***In 1 Corinthians 12-14, Paul reviews spiritual gifts and the proper use of those gifts within the church. Let's look at the basic truths regarding spiritual gifts:***

**1. As believers, we are led by the Holy Spirit within us and our boss is Jesus. (vv. 1-3)**  
*Being led and controlled by the Holy Spirit is not reserved for some but for all of us. Jesus is to be exalted through us and this only occurs by the Holy Spirit.*

**2. The Trinity works within the Body of Christ to accomplish His purposes. (vv. 4-6)**

- There is variety in God's work and actions

*We must remember that God works in a variety of ways. Some churches and individual actions may seem strange to us but remember God may work differently than we think.*

**3. Each Christian is given a spiritual gift(s). (v.7-11)**

- For the good of the Body of Christ

- According to His plan and purpose

- There is great diversity of gifts within the church body

**4. Although we have a diversity of gifts, we are one body, all united in Christ. (vv. 12-13; Rom. 12:4-5)**

- we are all baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ

**5. We must guard against these actions and thoughts regarding spiritual gifts: (vv. 14-25)**

- assuming your gift is not important because you see other gifts as more important

- assuming your gift is important and other gifts are not

- forgetting that each Christian within the local body is important and necessary for the well being of the Body

—> EVERY BELIEVER IS IMPORTANT WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

**6. We are members of the Body and must remember: (vv. 25-27)**

- we are to be united
- we are to care for one another
- we are to suffer and rejoice with one another

**7. We each have gift(s) and we are not all alike. (vv. 28-30)**

**Application (and questions for evaluation):**

- > God has given each of us a gift. Don't you think He would want us to be happy with it and use it?
- > We should ask, "Is my church benefiting from my use of my gift(s)?"
- > Give praise to God. You are uniquely gifted by God for a purpose.
- > Go to work within the church. Seek places of interest and of need.
- > Encourage others as they serve.
- > Be a church family member that cares. Build relationships with others within the church and your LIFE group.
  - when have you grieved with a brother or sister in Christ?
  - when have you taken time to show love and care to a brother and sister in Christ?
  - when have you genuinely celebrated a fellow Christian's growth?
- > Seek to build up and serve the church versus seeking to see what the church can do for you.