

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

An excerpt from *Sense and Nonsense about Prayer*, Lehman Strauss

POD: The execution of our spiritual gifts is designed to confer a benefit to the body of Christ [1 Cor. 12:13].

POD: The execution of spiritual gifts is dependent upon God the Holy Spirit [1 Cor. 12:7 cf. 11a].

POD: Therefore, the believer must cooperate with God the Holy Spirit to add value to the body of Christ [Gal. 5:25].

POD: The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every believer, but the manifestation is specific for each believer [1 Cor. 12:7 ἐκάστῳ cf. 1 Cor. 12:8 ᾧ].

1 Cor. 12:7-8 But to each one is *being* given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to **one** is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

The manifestation of the Spirit is specific for each believer.

Although 1 Cor. 12: 8-10 deals with the operation of temporary spiritual gifts which died out by 96 AD, the spiritual protocol does apply to the operation of the permanent gifts.

1 Cor. 12:8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

ἐν + πνεῦμα – EN plus PNEUMA – “By means of the Spirit”

διὰ πνεύμα – DIA plus PNEUMA – “Through the intermediate agency of the Spirit”

Points of Doctrine -

1. Spiritual gifts are given by Christ as the Ultimate Agent of His body through the Intermediate Agency of God the Holy Spirit [1 Cor. 12:7-8].
2. The spiritual body of Christ is the universal Church of which we are part (1 Cor. 12:12-13, 18, 27; Col. 1:18).
3. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body, therefore He directs the functioning of His body through His Spirit (Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:11).
4. Jesus Christ as the Head requires every member to function in their spiritual gift for the benefit of His body (1 Cor. 12:21b).

