
CHURCH ON FIRE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Central Idea: A spiritual gift is a God-given ability to serve Him in ways that benefit others. Are you using your spiritual gifts?

Introduction:

Paul again used the familiar connective phrase, “Now concerning...” to show that he was moving to a new topic. The Corinthians had questions about the exercise of spiritual gifts in their midst. The church was not unaware or ignorant of the existence of such gifts, but rather of their purpose and regulation.

- I. Every Christian Has the Holy Spirit, 12:1-3
 1. Demons over pagan people, v. 2
 2. Demons over professing Christians, v. 3a
 3. The Holy Spirit over real Christians, v. 3b
- II. The Source of Gifts, 12:4-6
- III. The Spirit Gives a Gift or Gifts to Every Believer, 12:7
- IV. A Listing of Gifts, 12:8-10
- V. The Spirit Decides Which Gifts to Give, 12:11

Conclusion:

The Corinthian church was facing several problems that were about to rip the church apart. One of the most serious problems was the issue of spiritual gifts. No gift, no ability, no endowment from God should ever be abused or cause a controversy. But the gifts of God’s Spirit were being so abused by the Corinthians believers that the church was about to be torn apart. Note how critical the issue was: Paul devotes three whole chapters to the question of spiritual gifts.