

Clear Vision 20/20
September Theme – Working Together
Unity Through the Use of Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:1-31

1. Spiritual gifts are uniquely _____ to each Christian

“the manifestation of the Spirit is _____ to each one” (V7)

“given to each one for the _____ of all” (V7)

1 Peter 4:10 *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

A. Word of _____ (V8) The gift of wisdom is the distinctive ability to discern the mind of Christ and apply scriptural truth to a specific situation in order to make the right choices and help others move in the right direction. (Luke 21:14-15, Acts 6:3-10, 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 1 Corinthians 12:8)

B. Word of _____ (V8) This gift is the supernatural revelation of information and/or skills that were otherwise unknown to the recipient of the gift. It is the distinctive ability to seek out, gather, organize, and clarify facts and ideas on a number of different subjects. (Acts 5:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:8, Colossians 2:2-3)

C. Faith (V9) The gift of faith is the distinctive ability to believe God with confidence for things unseen, spiritual growth and the will of God. They have a special ability to trust in God through difficult circumstances and the ability to believe solidly in the fulfillment of God’s promises and plans. (Hebrews 11, Acts 11:22-24, Romans 4:18-21, 1 Corinthians 12:9)

D. Healing/Miracles (Vss. 9, 10) The gift of healing is the distinctive ability to perform supernatural acts as an instrument or agent of God which alters the expected course of nature.

Healing: Acts 3:1-10, Acts 9:32-35, Acts 28:7-10, 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

Miracles: Acts 9:36-42, Acts 19:11-20, Acts 20:7-12, Romans 15:18-19, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

E. Prophecy (V10) The gift of prophecy is the very distinct ability to boldly declare the truth of God, regardless of the consequences, calling people to righteous living. (Acts 15:32, Acts 2:37-40, Acts 7:51-53, Acts 26:24-29, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 1:5)

F. Discernment (V10) When you have the gift of discernment, you are able to perceive whether a person’s actions originate from Godly, satanic, or merely human sources. Christians with this gift can recognize the true motives of people and also recognize when a person is distorting the truth or communicating error. This person often can recognize when Satan or other evil spirits are at work in a given person or situation. (Matthew 16:21-22, Acts 5:1-11, Acts 16:16-18, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 John 4:1-6)

G. Tongues & the Interpretation of Tongues (V10) The gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues are distinctive abilities to either speak, or interpret in a language which you never learned, or communicate a divinely anointed message from God to believers. (Acts 2:1-13, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 Corinthians 14:1-14)

“distributing to each one individually as He _____” (V11)

2. To function properly, the Church needs everyone to _____ their role. (Vss. 12-27)

No one person can do _____ the Church needs to do.

H. Apostle/Missionaries (V28) The word apostle means “one who is sent out” and has two primary uses in the New Testament. Primarily, it refers to the original 12 apostles of Jesus. The second refers generically to those who are sent out as messengers or Ambassadors of Christ.

Like apostles, missionaries are called and sent out by God to build churches, teach, and even help with medical care of those in need.

Apostle: Acts 15:22-35, 1 Corinthians 12:28, 2 Corinthians 12:12, Galatians 2:7-10, Ephesians 4:11-14

Missionary: Acts 8:4, Acts 13:2-3, Acts 22:21, Romans 10:15

I. Teaching (V28) The ability to clearly communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the church. (Acts 18:24-28, Acts 20:20-21, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11-14)

J. Helps (V28) The ability to invest one's talents in the life and ministry of others, thus enabling them to serve with greater effectiveness. (Mark 15:40-41, Acts 9:6, Romans 16:1-2, 1 Corinthians 12:28)

K. Administration (V28) The ability to understand clearly how to accomplish immediate and long-range goals in the body of Christ, and to execute those plans successfully. (Luke 14:28-30, Acts 6:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:28)

OTHER SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND CALLINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Leadership: The Distinctive ability to influence others according to a "big picture" purpose, mission, or plan. (Romans 12:8, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 1 Timothy 5:17, Hebrews 13:17)

Hospitality: The ability to make people feel "at home," welcome, cared for, and part of a group. (Acts 16:14-15, Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23, Hebrews 13:1-2, 1 Peter 4:9)

Service: The ability to identify and meet the practical needs of others. (Acts 6:1-7, Romans 12:7, Galatians 6:10, 2 Timothy 1:16-18, Titus 3:14)

Music: The ability to make a significant contribution to a worship experience through singing or playing a musical instrument. (Deuteronomy 31:22, 1 Samuel 16:16, 1 Chronicles 16:41-42, 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 2 Chronicles 34:12, Psalm 150)

Craftsmanship: The ability to use one's hands, and mind to benefit other believers through artistic, creative or a wide variety of construction arenas. (Exodus 30:22-25, Exodus 31:3-11, 2 Chronicles 34:9-13, Acts 18:2-3)

Giving: The ability to cheerfully, and generously, contribute personal resources to God's work. (Mark 12:41-44, Romans 12:8, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 2 Corinthians 9:2-8)

Mercy: The ability to feel sincere empathy and compassion in a way that results in practical relief for people's hurts, pain, and suffering. (Matthew 9:35-36, Mark 9:41, Romans 12:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:14)

Evangelism: The ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in such a way that many non-Christians believe in Christ and are converted to Christianity. (Acts 8:5-6, 26-40, Acts 14:21 Acts 21:8, Ephesians 4:11-14)

Prayer/Intercession: The ability to pray for significant lengths of time, on a regular basis and often observe answers to those prayers. (Colossians 1:9-12, Colossians 4:12-13, James 5:14-16)

Exhortation: The ability to appropriately communicate words of encouragement, challenge, or rebuke in the body of Christ. (Acts 14:22, Romans 12:8, 1 Timothy 4:13, Hebrews 10:24-25)

Pastor/Shepherd: The ability to assume responsibility for the spiritual growth and Christian community of a group of believers. (John 10:1-18, Ephesians 4:11-14, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 Peter 5:1-3)