

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:8-11
Topic: Ministry. Purpose.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 49
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Plugged In


Zeroing in on God's Task for Me Right Now



1. Observe...

 No _____!

 The More _____,
...the More _____!

 The _____,
...the Less _____!

 Some _____!

2. Realize...

 These are _____!

 Our _____!

 Not all of _____!

 Don't _____!

3. Ask...

 What _____?

 What _____?

 Is _____?

 What _____?

1 Cor. 12:8-11

⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What new insights were gained as a result of comparing the biblical "gift lists"?
2. Take time to thoughtfully write out your answers to the four questions posed in the last section of the sermon.

A Helpful Ministry List

- Nursery Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- AWANA Ministry
- Middle School Ministry
- High School Ministry
- College & Career Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Young Marrieds Ministry
- Marrieds Ministry no Kids
- Couples of Preschoolers
- Couples of Elementary Kids
- Couples of HS'rs Ministry
- 40s & 50s Adults Ministry
- 60+ Adults Ministry
- Small Groups Ministry
- Partners (Discipleship) Ministry
- Men's Ministries
- Women's Ministries
- Worship Ministry
- Audio Visual Ministry
- Video Ministry
- Tape Ministry
- Radio Ministry
- Bookstore Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Office Assistance Ministry
- Jail Ministry
- Refreshment Ministry
- Web Page / Internet Ministry
- Missions Ministries
- Hispanic Church Ministries
- Etc. Etc. Etc.

Answer to Question 3.A →

Answer to Question 3.B →

Answer to Question 3.C →

Answer to Question 3.D →

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Lev.3-4 & Prov.2

Monday

Lev.5-6 & Prov.3

Tuesday

Lev.7-8 & Prov.4

Wednesday

Lev.9-10 & Prov.5

Thursday

Lev.11-12 & Prov.6

Friday

Lev.13-14 & Prov.7

Saturday

Lev.15-16 & Prov.8

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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A Comparison of the “Gift Lists” in 1 Corinthians

	1 Corinthians 12:8-10 9 “Gifts” Listed	1 Corinthians 12:28 8 “Gifts” Listed (4 left out, 4 added)	1 Cor. 12:29-30 7 “Gifts” Listed (5 left out, none added)
1	^{8a} To one there is given through the Spirit the message of <i>wisdom</i> ,		
2	^{8b} to another the message of <i>knowledge</i> by means of the same Spirit,		
3	^{9a} to another <i>faith</i> by the same Spirit,		
4	^{9b} to another gifts of <i>healing</i> by that one Spirit,	^{28e} also those having gifts of <i>healing</i> ,	^{30a} Do all have gifts of <i>healing</i> ?
5	^{10a} to another <i>miraculous powers</i> ,	^{28d} then workers of <i>miracles</i> ,	^{29d} Do all work <i>miracles</i> ?
6	^{10b} to another <i>prophecy</i> ,	^{28b} second <i>prophets</i> ,	^{29b} Are all <i>prophets</i> ?
7	^{10c} to another <i>distinguishing</i> between spirits,		
8	^{10d} to another speaking in different kinds of <i>tongues</i> ,	^{28h} and those speaking in different kinds of <i>tongues</i> .	^{30b} Do all speak in <i>tongues</i> ?
9	^{10e} and to still another the <i>interpretation of tongues</i> .		^{30c} Do all <i>interpref</i> ?
10		^{28a} And in the church God has appointed first of all <i>apostles</i>	^{29a} Are all <i>apostles</i> ?
11		^{28c} third <i>teachers</i> ,	^{29c} Are all <i>teachers</i> ?
12		^{28f} those able to <i>help</i> others,	
13		^{28g} those with gifts of <i>administration</i> ,	

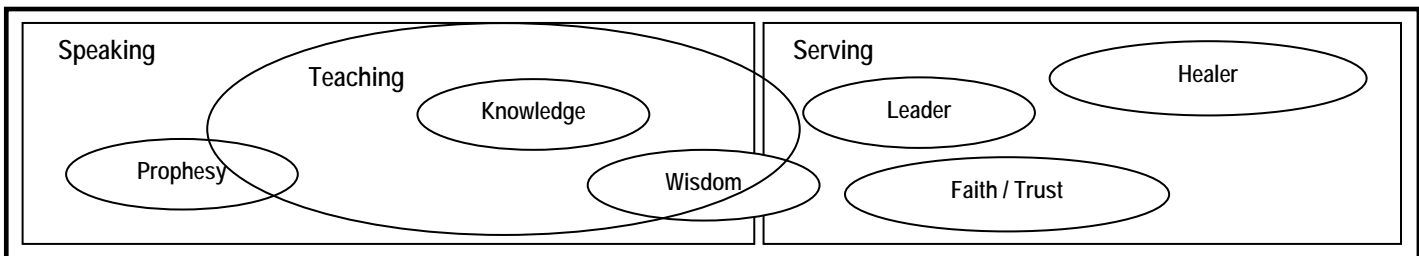
A Comparison of All New Testament “Gift Lists”

	Corinth	Rome	Ephesus, et al.	Asia Minor
	One Church	One Large Church	A Number of Churches	Many Churches
	A.D. 55	A.D. 57	A.D. 60	A.D. 68
	4 th of 27 Letters	7 th of 27 Letters	11 th of 27 Letters	16 th of 27 Letters
	1 Corinthians 12	Romans 12:6-8	Ephesians 4:11	1 Peter 4:10-11
1	Apostles		Apostles	
2	Prophets	Prophets	Prophets	
3	Teachers	Teachers	Pastor-Teachers	
4	Miracle Workers			
5	Healers			
6	Helpers	Servants		Serving
7	Administrators	Leaders		
8	Tongues Speakers			
9	Interpreters of Tongues			
10		Encouragers		
11		Giving to Meet Needs		
12		Showing Mercy		
13			Evangelists	
14				Speaking
15	Messenger of Wisdom			
16	Messenger of Knowledge			
17	Faith/Trust/Confidence			
18	Discernment			

Overlapping of Ministries in the “Gift Lists”

1Pet.4:10-11	Speaking (# 6 ?)	Serving (# 14 ?)
1		Apostles
2	Prophets	
3	Teachers (Pastor-Teachers)	
4		Miracle Workers
5		Healers
7	Administrators / Leaders	
8	Tongues Speakers	
9	Interpreters of Tongues	
10		Encouragers
11		Giving to Meet Needs
12		Showing Mercy
13	Evangelists	
15	Messenger of Wisdom	
16	Messenger of Knowledge	
17		Faith / Trust / Confidence
18		Discernment

Example: An Apostle



An Obvious Distinction within the “Gift Lists”

Miraculous Ministries
(Breaking Nature's Laws)

Providential Ministries
(God's Work within Nature's Laws)

1	Apostles	
2	Prophets	
3		Teachers
4	Miracle Workers	
5	Healers	
7		Administrators / Leaders
8	Tongues Speakers	
9	Interpreters of Tongues	
10		Encouragers
11		Giving to Meet Needs
12		Showing Mercy
13		Evangelists
15		Messengers of Wisdom
16		Messengers of Knowledge
17		Faith / Trust / Confidence
18		Discernment