

## **I know that I am equipped with a God-given spiritual gift**

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11(November 3, 2024)**

God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a 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 distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### **1. POINT #1: THE PURPOSE OF OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT – FOR THE COMMON GOOD**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:7**

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### **2. POINT #2: THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT – WE RECEIVE OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:4, 6, 11**

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#### **1 Corinthians 12:28**

"And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues."

#### **1 Corinthians 12:29-31**

"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way."

### **3. POINT #3. THE DISCOVERY OF OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT – BY SERVING OTHERS**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:5**

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### **APPLICATION**

**Ask this question:** What can I do to serve the church (the body of Christ) each week? What needs do I see in our church? What area do you want to improve in the church for fulfilling God's purpose and His mission?

### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Why do we so often discount the value of our own spiritual gifts, while being envious of those gifts that others possess? What do we miss by not being content with what God has given us, by not developing those gifting areas to their fullest extent?

2. Why does pride so often become mixed in with our spiritual gifts, diluting our effective use of them? What are the most noticeable warning signs that indicate you're using your gifts to feed something inside yourself rather than truly serving others?

3. We are each born with natural talents and strengths that are given by God and make us unique. How would you differentiate between these types of abilities and those the Bible calls spiritual gifts? How are they distinct in function, in character, in purpose?

4. How free are you to exercise these gifts without fear of failure, embarrassment, or insecurity? Why do you think you experience these emotions, if you do? What could you imagine God accomplishing through you if you made your gift more available to Him?

### **I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

- ( ) Membership 101
- ( ) Maturity 201
- ( ) Ministry 301
- ( ) Mission/Evangelism 401

### **OTHER CLASSES**

- ( ) Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- ( ) Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- ( ) How to do daily Quiet Time with God

### **NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?**

- ( ) I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- ( ) I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

### **ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.**

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