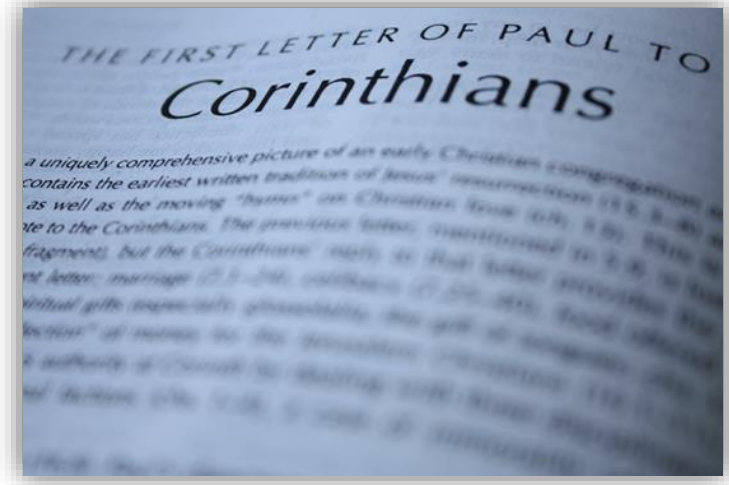


Personal Application and Conversations

1. Who do you think is the most important person in our church?
2. How can you know how important you are to our church?
3. How does your spiritual gift keep you humble even as you continue to be a good steward of that gift?
4. How do you understand the assignment God has for you in our church?
5. What does it take for us to be a well-coordinated local church?
6. Some of the “lesser gifts” are very important to our church. Stop and identify how we have been blessed by specific people in our church with gifts that typically get less attention.



Parts are parts ... aren't they?

I Corinthians 12

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It is God's desire to make Himself known through us. Our bodies are made up of many interdependent parts. It's a delight to see them all working well together. And so it is with the local church. He designed it to work together to make Him known.

Spiritual gifts are manifestations of the Spirit for the common good of the church (1 Cor. 12:4-11)

- The word of wisdom
- The word of knowledge
- Faith (*think persistent prayer*)
- Healings

- Miraculous powers

- Prophecy

- Distinguishing spirits (*Jn.8:44; Acts 8:18ff; 1 Jn 4:1*)

- Different kinds of tongues

- Interpretation of tongues

- Helps (*12:28 – those able to help others*)

- Administrations (*12:28 – kubernesis – “to steer or pilot – to keep on course”*)

Other Spiritual gifts:

Romans 12:6-8

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Exhortation (*encouragement*)
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy

1 Peter 4:10-11

- Speaking
- Service

Ephesians 4:11

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Pastor-teacher

Principles:

The Body's many parts forms one Local Church (1 Cor. 12:12, 14)

God has arranged our parts just as He wants them (v. 18)

Our individual significance is in what we are part of (vs. 22-27)

God has appointed us to manifest Christ as one coordinated body (vs. 28-30)