

Why we receive spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, p. 931

- I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO US TO EXALT CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-3).
 - A. We must understand spiritual gifts because Satan wants to counterfeit God's power (12:1-2).
 - B. While Satan works in unbelievers to oppose Christ, the Holy Spirit works in believers to exalt Christ (12:3).

- II. GOD GIVES DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO DO ALL GOD WANTS DONE (1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6).
 - A. Different spiritual gifts are given by the one Holy Spirit (12:4).
 - B. Differing ministries all serve the one Jesus Christ (12:5).
 - C. Different power from the one God all works in harmony (12:6).

- III. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO EACH OF US TO BENEFIT ALL OF US (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11).
 - A. Gifts must be used to benefit the body, not ourselves (12:7).
 - B. God gave unique gifts to communicate wisdom and new truth God wanted the early church to know (12:8-10).
 - C. The Spirit gives gifts by His choice, not ours (12:11).