

Sermon: Gift by Gift | Andrew Boone, June 5, 2022

Series: The Third Person

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit provides and empowers special abilities to Christians to serve the Church and advance Her mission.

Sermon Notes

• 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- There are different spiritual gifts (vs. 4)
- All spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit (vs. 4)
- God's work in our gifts makes them function (vs. 6)
- Gifts are given to build up the Church and equip her for ministry (vs. 7)

• 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

• Wisdom

- Insight and understanding
- See through chaos and confusion
- Pointing to holiness
- Gospel centric

• Knowledge

- Well versed in scripture
- Articulate deep truths
- Connect the gospel to everyday life

• Faith

- Conviction that God will provide
- Deep confidence in God's promises

• Healing

- Connected to the gift of faith
- Profound compassion for the sick
- Concern for the physical and spiritual
- Not something we manipulate

• Miracles

- "Workings of Power"
- Always point attention to Jesus
- For the building up the body or equipping for service
- Not something we manipulate

- Prophecy
 - "Telling something God spontaneously brought to mind." - Wayne Grudem
 - No more "Thus saith the Lord"
 - Always in line with Scripture
 - To be tested by the listener

- Discernment
 - Distinguishing between moves of God and influences of the World
 - Able to warn of false teaching
 - Keeps the Body from being led astray

• **1 Corinthians 12:27-30**

- Apostleship
 - The "office" is no longer available
 - The "gift" is exceptionally helpful
 - Effective at taking the gospel across borders and barriers
 - Entrepreneurial and bold

- Teaching
 - Communicate for understanding
 - Always pointing to Jesus
 - Holding truth and love in tension
 - Held to a very high standard

- Helping/Service
 - Practical and selfless
 - Work well behind the scenes
 - Doesn't draw attention to oneself

• **Romans 12:4-8**

- Encouragement
 - Strengthen the faith of others
 - Not "fluffy" platitudes
 - Could include rebuke

- Giving
 - Generously meeting needs
 - Unselfish and genuine
 - Seeks opportunities to give

- Directs attention to Jesus
- Leadership
 - Direct and equip people to a goal
 - Discipleship and mission focused
 - Oriented more to vision than to tasks
- Mercy
 - Able to walk with the suffering
 - Sensitive to others' condition
 - Point people to Jesus
- **Ephesians 4:11-13**
- Evangelism
 - Clearly communicate the gospel
 - Bold to share
 - Feel burden and compassion for the lost
- Pastor/Shepherd
 - Lead, guide, and protect the local church
 - Care for the holistic spiritual well being
 - Focused on long-term, relational growth

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