

The Spirit, the Body, and the Gifts: Cornerstone's Portion  
1 Corinthians 12:27-31

I. Intro

A. Reminder of Purpose

1. God's Joy in His Own Glory (The Sum of All His Perfections)
2. God's Plan to Share His Joy with Others
3. God's Goal to Fill the Earth with His Joy

B. The Role of Spiritual Gifts in Spreading God's Joy in God's Glory

1. God appoints spiritual gifts for His people
  - a. Appointees
    - (1) Prophets
    - (2) Kings
    - (3) Leaders
    - (4) Jesus
    - (5) Apostles
    - (6) Church
  - b. Purpose: God working through creation and a specific people magnifies the character of His glory before all peoples.
    - (1) Sermon on the Mount
    - (2) Ephesians
    - (3) Other :for his glory" reference
2. What gifts and ministry has God appointed for Cornerstone?
  - a. Reasoning
    - (1) God give gifts to believers
    - (2) God draws gifted believers into fellowship for the common good, one aspect of which is the manifestation and demonstration of His glory
  - b. **Question: Since God gives gifts to believers for ministry and then draws them together for mission, what gifts has God given Cornerstone and what mission do those gifts direct us to?**

II. Consider the Gifts

A. Lists of Gifts

1. **Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
2. **Ephesians 4:11 (ESV)** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
3. **1 Peter 4:9-11 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

4. **1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

5. **1 Corinthians 12:28-30 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> And **God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.**

<sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

B. Definitions of list in 1 Cor 12:8-11

1. Three Categories
  - a. Gifts of intellect
  - b. Gifts requiring special faith
  - c. Gifts of communication
2. Gifts
  - a. Utterance of wisdom
  - b. Utterance of knowledge
  - c. Faith
  - d. Gifts of healing
  - e. Working of Miracles
  - f. Prophecy
  - g. Discernment
  - h. Tongues
  - i. Interpretation of tongues

III. Means of Identifying Your Gift

A. Active Participation

B. Contextual Affirmation

C. Personal Exploration - Gifts Inventories

1. Weakness of inventories (Lifeway)
  - a. May or may not ask the question you would ask if you were asking about spiritual gifts
  - b. May or may not address gifts that don't fit into a particular interpretive model
2. Strength of Inventories
  - a. Provide succinct, practical definitions you can work with
  - b. Provide a place to start
  - c. Provide a context for exploring (framework)