

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THE CHURCH

- According to 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, who is it that gives us our spiritual gifts?
- What three words are used to refer to the spiritual gifts in those same verses?

Gifts”—Greek word is *charisma*, derived from *charis* (grace) and means a gift of grace; “service”—can also be called ministry; “working”—Greek is *energeo*.

- According to v. 7, why are the spiritual gifts given to us?
- Are there any gifts that all Christians are supposed to receive (vv. 8-11 and 28-30)? How do you know?
- Do you think that there are certain Christians who are given all the gifts? Why or why not?
- What does this tell you about the way in which the church is supposed to function?
- Based on this, what is wrong with the way that most churches today are structured?

- According to v. 11, who decides which gifts each person receives? (Compare with Heb. 2:4)
- What does Paul compare the church to in v. 12-13?
- How are they alike? What is it that Paul wants us to understand about the church?
- What is Paul's point in vv. 14-20?
- What does v. 18 tell us about the church? Why is this fact so important?
- What are vv. 19-25 telling us about the church?
- What does Romans 12:4-5 tell us about the church?
- Does v. 6 give us any reason to think that there is a gift that all Christians should receive? Why or why not?

- According to v. 6, what determines which gifts each person gets?
- According to vv. 7-8, how should we determine what ministry each person should be in?
- Do we always do it that way in the church?
- What does 1 Peter 4:10 say that spiritual gifts are?
- What does it say for us to do with the gifts we have received?
- According to this verse, what are we doing when we use our gifts this way?
- Ephesians 4:11 lists several types of leaders that Christ has given to the church. According to vv. 11-12, what is their primary task?
- What is the people's task?

- According to vv. 12-16, what is the goal of all of this?
- What has to happen in order for the church to meet this goal (v. 16)?