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| **SERIES** | ONE CHURCH |
| **BIBLE** | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Gifted by the Spirit |
| **OVERVIEW** | Learning about spiritual gifts and how to use them is vital to the health and growth of our church.  You are not responsible to determine what gift you have, but you are responsible to discover your gifting, use your gift(s) and maximize the power of your gift. Through this message we want everyone in our church to know what spiritual gifts are, discover what their spiritual gift(s) are, and begin to use their spiritual gift to build up the body of Christ here in Chicago and throughout the world. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **A Spiritual Gift is:**  “A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers” - Lifeway Spiritual Gifts Survey  A spiritual gift is a **supernatural ability that God gives to a believer**.  Talent vs. Spiritual Gift  **TALENT =** is a natural ability or aptitude given by God to a person at birth.  **SPIRITUAL GIFT =** is a supernatural ability given by God at *rebirth* for building up other people.  **Important reminders about spiritual gifts:**  Every believer has spiritual gifts  Gifts are given and empowered by the Holy Spirit  You cannot earn or deserve them they are gifts  **THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**  **1 Corinthians 12:1**  *Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.*  **THREE THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS YOU DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND LEARN HOW TO USE THEM TO BUILD OUR CHURCH:**  **SPIRITUAL GIFTS WILL ALWAYS POINT TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS – WE ARE GIFTED BUT JESUS GETS THE SPOTLIGHT!**  ***2****You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.****3****Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.*  **SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE MANY BUT COORDINATED BY ONE (THE HOLY SPIRIT) WE ARE GIFTED DIFFERENTLY BUT EMPOWERED THE SAME.**  ***4****There are* ***different*** *kinds of gifts, but the* ***same Spirit****distributes them.****5****There are* ***different*** *kinds of service, but the* ***same Lord****.****6****There are* ***different*** *kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the* ***same*** *God at work.*  **SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE GIVEN FOR THE COMMON GOOD – WE ARE GIFTED INDIVIDUALLY FOR THE GOOD OF THE TEAM**  ***7****Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.****8****To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,****9****to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,****10****to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12#fen-NIV-28645a)*] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.* |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  When a church is functioning with all of the gifts of the Spirit working together and building itself up outsiders who are not a part of the church will notice and we can make a bigger impact where God has planted us. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Knowing what your spiritual gifts are and using your spiritual gifts will cause you to see how you play a bigger part in our church family and will bring spiritual growth to your life. Illustration is a pond vs. a river. God pours into us but the expectation is that we give out. Running rivers always bring life. |