

Sermon Notes 9/19/20

6. Harmony in Diversity: What are Your Spiritual Gifts?

Sanctuary - from “sanctus” meaning: _____

Some places spiritual gifts are found in Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12	Ephesians 4
Romans 12	I Peter 4

What kind of gifts does God give us according to Matthew 7:11 and James 1:17: _____

The Greek word for “gift” in 1 Corinthians 12 is *charismaton*
“Charis” in English means: _____

God is _____ in our spiritual gifts

Spiritual Gifts Inventory:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

Gifts described in 1 Corinthians:

Wisdom	Giving
Knowledge	Healing
Administration	Discernment
Apostleship	Teaching
Shepherding(pastor)	Helping/Assisting
Faith	Prophecy
Miracles	Tongues
Prophecy	Interpretations of Tongues

Gifts described in Romans:

Leadership	Servanthood
Compassion	Exhortation

Gifts in Ephesians: Evangelism

1 Corinthians: Harmony in Diversity

Daily Bible Study Guide

Week 6 (#6 of 7) - I Corinthians 13 & 14

Each time before you read & study, take a moment to ask God to speak to you through the Word and the Holy Spirit.

Monday: Read 1 Corinthians 13

This is the famous love chapter, not only of 1 Corinthians, but of the whole Bible. How many times have you heard these verses read at a wedding? Last week we read about spiritual gifts and how important they are, but love is even greater. You remember that in Greek different words are used to describe different kinds of love. *Agape* is unmerited love like God has for us. *Philia* is friendly love. *Eros* is romantic love and *Storge* is familial love like a parent has for a child. And did you know that the worship of the Greek god, Dionysus, almost always included the clanging of cymbals and blaring of trumpets? This is where these images most likely originated.

1. What things does Paul say are less important than love (vs. 1-3)?
2. How do vs. 4-7 compare with the values the world finds important?
3. What do vs. 8-13 promise about the future?

Tuesday: Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

Good job reading this whole passage in one sitting today! Over the next few days we'll look at smaller portions also.

1. What is one thing that confused you or you had a question about?
2. Is there one thing that helped you for your circumstances today? If so, write it down and try to remember it again later.

Wednesday: Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 (again)

John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist Church, noted that “usefulness” was the criteria for determining how to put a spiritual gift

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to work. Building up the community of faith is the most important goal for using spiritual gifts. If a spiritual gift is only building up private spirituality it can become dangerous.

Prophecy can mean future telling, but it can also mean “encouragement.” In these verses Paul is most likely referring to prophecy as a form of encouragement - **forth**telling instead of **fore**telling.

1. What are the three benefits of speaking prophecy in the church (vs. 3)?
2. How, in vs. 1-5 does Paul contrast the use of tongues and prophecy in public worship in the church?

Thursday: Read 1 Corinthians 14:13-25 (again)

Paul urges the coordination of one’s spirit and mind in worship. This is not about private worship, but about corporate worship. It’s interesting that Paul says he speaks in tongues more than anyone else, so he’s not speaking from inexperience. Maturity comes in knowing what behavior is appropriate in which context.

1. Have you experienced speaking in tongues in worship? If so, what was your experience? If not, view a video on the internet.
2. What do you think generally about speaking in tongues?

Friday: Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

It seems like speaking in tongues was not only common in the early church, but possibly out of control. Paul urges order and peace in public worship instead of revelatory chaos. In line with the call for order, Paul must have been responding to a particular problem in the early church regarding the participation of women. Some suggest the women were only allowed in the back and had to ask one another what had been said since they couldn't hear, hence the rebuke to be silent and ask their husbands at home what had been said.

1. What attitudes is Paul asking believers to bring into worship?
2. If worship is chaotic or confusing, what harm can be done to the body of Christ?