



1 Corinthians Chapter 12_(NLT)

Bible Study Outline

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We have included the New Living Translation of **1 Corinthians Chapter 12** below.
Read through it FIRST and then return to answer the following questions.

God Bless as you learn more about God and the Gifts He has for His church!

1. WHO is the source of ALL spiritual gifts?

2. There are different gifts but the same _____.
There are different kinds of service but we _____ the same _____.
God works in different _____ but it's the same _____ who does the
work in _____ of _____.

3. How many gifts are given to each one of us?

4. Why are we given our gift?

5. What are the gifts identified in verses 7-11?

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6. Who is the One and only One who decides which "Gift" each believer should have?

7. The body of Christ is made up of how many parts?

8. What body parts are identifies in verse 13?

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9. What do all of the parts of the body have in common?

10. Who has put each part just where He wants them to be?

The _____ identifies the gift.

_____ places the gift where He wants it.

11. Why does God put the parts of the body together like He does?

The _____ are for the _____ of Christ... Not for the _____.

12. List the parts of the body God has identified for the church.

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13. What are the most helpful gifts?

Why are these the most helpful gifts?

14. Which GIFT has the Holy Spirit identified and God given to you?

CHAPTER 12 is VITAL to our being Chapter 13.

1 Corinthians 12 NLT

1 Now, dear brothers and sisters, **a** regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. **2** You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. **3** So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. **5** There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. **6** God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice **b**; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. **c 9** The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, **d** while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

One Body with Many Parts

12 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **13** Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, **e** some are slaves,

and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. *f*

[14](#)Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. [15](#)If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. [16](#)And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? [17](#)If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

[18](#)But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. [19](#)How strange a body would be if it had only one part! [20](#)Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. [21](#)The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

[22](#)In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. [23](#)And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, [24](#)while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. [25](#)This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. [26](#)If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

[27](#)All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it. [28](#)Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church:

- first are apostles,
- second are prophets,
- third are teachers,
- then those who do miracles,
- those who have the gift of healing,
- those who can help others,
- those who have the gift of leadership,
- those who speak in unknown languages.

[29](#)Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? [30](#)Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! [31](#)So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.

But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

Footnotes:

a12:1 Greek *brothers*.

b12:8a Or *gives a word of wisdom*.

c12:8b Or *gives a word of knowledge*.

d12:10 Or *in various tongues*; also in 12:28, 30.

e12:13a Greek *some are Greeks*.

f12:13b Greek *we were all given one Spirit to drink*.

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So, what is God teaching us through this letter from Paul to the church in Corinth?

First, Paul lets us know that God, through the Holy Spirit, has given each and every believer a gift that is specific to that person. The gift is for God's purpose to the body of Christ; His church.

**God has not Made a mistake with which gift He has given to you!
God does not make mistakes!**

He has given you the exact gift He planned for you before you were born. This gift is for His purpose to His body in His way and we need to celebrate what He has done. **Please, do not covet others gift.**

Verses 22-26 clarifies that if any gift should be desired, it should be the weakest gift (by man's evaluation) that truly is the strongest gift (by God's evaluation). This is because the gift that seems weakest and least important is actually the most necessary, not the most noticed!

I find that I personally get in trouble when I compare what God has given (specifically) to me as my gift compared to what He has given (specifically) to someone else as their gift.

When we compare, we doubt the gift that God has given. DON'T COMPARE PRAISE HIM FOR YOUR GIFT!

Thank God for the gift that the Holy Spirit has identified for you and that God has given you. **PRAISE Him for His plan and surrender your plan to Him.** Seven seconds of Praise will change your life completely. In Seven seconds of praise, we have no time to covet or control. Try it, you will find the Peace that only Jesus can offer.

Blessings,

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