

Body Language

1 Corinthians 12:1-31a

Spiritual gifts are meant by God to unify his people. Yet, in practice, they have become a source of disunity across parts of Church history. Paul corrects some misunderstandings and misthinking around the gifts of the Spirit, especially as it relates to their common purpose in the community of faith.

Thinking It Through (agree/disagree, consider/contemplate)

“Diversity serves unity; unity celebrates diversity.” – Andrew Wilson

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:10

Working It Out

1. What is your historical understanding of spiritual gifts / gifts of the Spirit? Think about your upbringing, church experience, or maybe what you’ve heard along the way.
2. Based on the message and your reading of 1 Corinthians 12, what was the underlying cause of disunity and schism happening in Corinth around the application of gifts?
3. The body analogy is quite brilliant. Paul captures the need for diversity in the service of unity, as well as the built-in mutual interdependence necessary in the church. What is most helpful about this imagery for your understanding of gifts and how they work together?
4. Speaking broadly, are you aware of your own gift(s)? Do you ever feel yourself wishing you had the gift(s) of another?
5. What are the next steps for you and/or your group when it comes to becoming the healthiest members of the body you can?

Prayer Points

- Pray that each member of the body of GFC would pay attention to the leanings God has given them and lean in. Identify and activate!
 - Pray for the collective body of GFC to be a tangible expression of Christ’s body in our communities.
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