

BE THE CHANGE

WEEK 2 | SPIRITUAL GIFTS | 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

INSPECTION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What concern did Paul have about the brothers in Christ? Verses 1-2

Explain how it is possible for someone to say “Jesus is Lord” as seen in verse 3.

How are verses 4-6 a validation of the Godhead?

What is the purpose of Spiritual giftings? Verse 7

Who determines spiritual giftings? Verse 11

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In verse 2, Paul warns the Christians of being led away by mute idols. Name a few idols.

Why is one’s attitude toward a spiritual gift more important than the gift itself.

Why did Paul stress “different kinds” of gifts, service, and works in verses 4-6?

Why would some try to separate the Lordship of Christ and spiritual gifts?

What lesson do we learn in Luke 19:11-27 about what God gives to His servants?

LIFE APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Read the remaining verses of Romans 12:12-31. Outline the main points.

Consider what might be a “mute idol” in your life and tear it down.

Make a list of your life challenges and then apply James 1:5.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. What did Paul say was greater than spiritual gifts?

God designed diversity of gifts in the body of Christ. Encourage others in their diversity.

MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

Ephesians 4:7

1 Corinthians 13:1

Joel 2:28-30

1 Peter 4:10-11

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Exodus 31:1-6

Luke 11:11-13

James 1:17

SUPPLICATION: WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same;
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

Martin Luther 1529