

Sermon Guide for Jan. 16, 2022

Stewardship of Spirit

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (New Living Translation)

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. ²You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. ³So 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.

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

⁷A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice^[b]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.^[c] ⁹The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰He 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. ¹¹It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

From where do spiritual gifts come?

Who receives a spiritual gift?

Who decides which gift a person receives?

List the gifts found in this passage of scripture.

During her sermon, Pastor Cindy lists spiritual gifts: Administration, Apostles, Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Healing, Hospitality, Knowledge, Leadership, Mercy, Miracles, Pastor, Prophecy, Helps, Teaching, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Wisdom. Can you think of people who probably have one of those gifts? Which one would you like to claim?

