

Opening Our Gifts: Gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

- We are in a series called, "Opening Our Gifts."
- Today's sermon is entitled, "Gifts of the Spirit."
- God wants us to be informed about the gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - There are many kinds of gifts.
 - They are given by the Holy Spirit.
 - They are given to everyone. Everyone has at least one.
 - They are given for the common good.
- Our gifts must be discovered, developed, and deployed.
- Each and every one of us has been given a gift by the Holy Spirit for the good of the church and the world. Let us open the gifts of the Spirit.