

# CHRIST HAS EQUIPPED YOU FOR MINISTRY

## 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

12:1 begins, "Now concerning..." indicating a new section focused on spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ : tongues vs prophecy  
Paul wrote concerning "what makes a person \_\_\_\_\_ ": they thought speaking in tongues made one spiritual  
What makes a person spiritual? \_\_\_\_\_

### I. FOUR VIEWS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: DIVERSITY IN UNITY

#### A. View #1: The Holy Spirit Apportions \_\_\_\_\_ 12:4

- 1) "Diversities" and "differences" in vv.4-6 and "distributing" in v.11 means to \_\_\_\_\_ & distribute
- 2) When the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts we each get a different \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual gifts
- 3) The word translated "gifts" still exists in modern Greek and it is used of \_\_\_\_\_ gifts
- 4) V.11: the Holy Spirit distributes gifts "as He wills" indicating that He is a \_\_\_\_\_ not a force
- 5) Our use of spiritual gifts must not divide us; the same Spirit gave them all: their proper use \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. View #2: The Lord Jesus Apportions \_\_\_\_\_ 12:5

- 1) Many Christians are frustrated trying to figure out which spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ they have, but the average Christian will have much more success figuring out which \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus has given him
- 2) You ought to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the ministries Jesus has given you; if not, try some on for size
- 3) Have you wondered how you can show your love for Jesus? By doing the \_\_\_\_\_ He gave you

#### C. View #3: God the Father Apportions \_\_\_\_\_ 12:6

- 1) When God works in us—energizes us—He gives us both the will (desire) & the \_\_\_\_ (follow-through)
- 2) When we find a ministry that Jesus has given us, a \_\_\_\_\_ for that ministry will grow inside us
- 3) When we are passionate about a particular ministry, it can lead us to drive an agenda in the church that can cause interpersonal conflict, but the same \_\_\_\_\_ energizes ALL the ministries in the church

#### D. View #4: God Gives to Each the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit 12:7

- 1) "Manifestation" is used of Jesus appearing after His resurrection—a \_\_\_\_\_ manifestation
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ is seen in public concrete ways when we exercise our spiritual gifts and ministries
- 3) These public displays of the Spirit occur only when we serve for the profit of \_\_\_\_ not just ourselves
- 4) The power of the Spirit is seen not just in \_\_\_\_\_ things, but also in mundane everyday ministries

### II. THE TRINITARIAN SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: DIVERSITY IN UNITY

#### A. Paul teaches in vv.4-6 that all 3 members of the \_\_\_\_\_ are involved in equipping us for ministry

#### B. Paul used the Trinity in this passage because it is the perfect illustration of \_\_\_\_\_ in unity

#### C. The Trinity is not one \_\_\_\_\_ with 3 roles, but rather one God in 3 persons, each with His own office:

- 1) The office of the Father is to be the \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The office of the Son is to be the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The office of the Spirit is to be the \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. There is diversity in the offices of the Godhead yet there is also perfect \_\_\_\_\_ among the 3 persons

- 1) We do not worship 3 gods; we worship 1 God: never has there been any \_\_\_\_\_ w/in the Trinity
- 2) We must be like God! We have different gifts/ministries/passions, but we must be \_\_\_\_\_