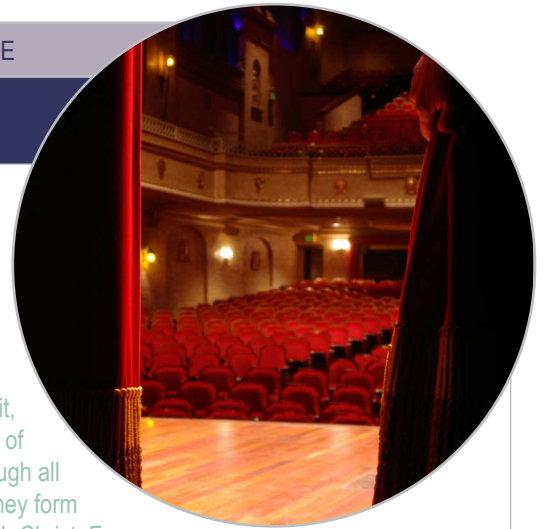


LESSON 2 • Talent/Gifts



TALENT/GIFTS

I Corinthians 12:1-20

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you 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.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 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. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Key Concepts

- Talents/Gifts
- Teach the children about spiritual gifts.
- Teach the children that each one has spiritual gifts that we should use wisely.
- Teach the children ways to find and use their spiritual gifts

2 Teacher Preparation

- Have the children have their bibles open to **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Also, have the children ready to read Romans 12:6-8.
- Be ready to make a list of spiritual gifts from these two readings.
- Be ready to also add other gifts.
- Make sure each person has paper and pencil.
- Give each of the students a copy of the spiritual gifts inventory.

3 Lesson

- Read **I Corinthians 12:1-20** and **Romans 12:6-8**.
- Let's make a list of what spiritual gifts are talked about in these readings.
- Look at this list.
 - These are lists of spiritual gifts that God has given to people.
 - We have some of these gifts.
 - Some of us have other gifts.

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Lesson (continued)

- Each one of us has been given gifts that God wants us to use the best way that we can.
- We should use our gifts to help others.
- Let's look at the spiritual gifts inventory and see what some of the gifts are that you might have.
- Let's also make a list of some of the gifts you think are missing.
- Take a look at the inventory and talk about some of the questions.
 - What are some of the gifts that we have in this room?
 - How can we use these gifts to help those around us?
 - How can we use them to help others in our school?
 - How can our gifts be used to help those at home?
 - How can our gifts be used in our future?
 - What jobs could we do that would be a good fit for using our gifts?
- Each one of us is unique.
 - We cannot all do the same job.
- He has made us different so we can all work together for one common good, spreading the Gospel.

4 Conclusion

God has given each of us unique gifts. He wants us to use our gifts wisely. We should work together and use all of our gifts to the best that we can. Each one of us plays a role in God's church. We all are here to fulfill God's purpose.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the spiritual gifts you have given to each one of us. Thank you for making my gifts special. Help me to use my gifts the best that I can. Thank you for loving me as much as you do. Amen.

6 Resources

- **Bible**
- **Webster's New World Dictionary**
- <http://mintools.com/spiritual-gifts-test.htm>
This is just another spiritual gifts inventory.
- **Spiritual Gifts Inventory Sheets**

7 Vocabulary

Spiritual Gifts: Gifts that God has given us

Prophecy: to predict

Service: to aid, to help

Teaching: to provide with knowledge, to instruct

Exhorting: to urge, to advise strongly

Sharing: to receive, give a portion

Leading: guiding

Mercy: to forgive or be kind

Love: strong affection for or liking for someone or something

Enthusiasm: eager interest, zeal

Hope: a feeling that what is wanted will happen

Prayer: a humble request, as to God

Hospitality: friendly toward guests

8 Activity

Go through the Spiritual Gifts Inventory sheets.