

## LESSON 2 • Talents/Gifts



## TALENTS/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 that each one of us has been given a spiritual gift.
- Teach the children that our gifts are different.
- Teach the children that we are to use our gifts to further God's kingdom.

#### 2 Teacher Preparation

- Have the children read **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Have the vocabulary words written on the board.
- Be ready to talk about the spiritual gifts that the children have.
- Give each of the children a piece of paper to write down their spiritual gifts and write their paragraph.

#### 3 Lesson

- Read **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Look at the list of spiritual gifts on the board.
  - What do you think your spiritual gift is?
  - Write it down on a piece of paper.
- After reading this spiritual gifts list and the bible reading, what did you learn about this spiritual gift?
  - Is anyone not sure of their spiritual gift?
  - Is anyone not happy with their spiritual gift?

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## Lesson (continued)

- God has given each of us a specific spiritual gift.
  - We need to use the gift that God gave us.
  - We need to be thankful for the gift God gave us.
  - We cannot change our gifts.
  - God has given us this spiritual gift for a reason.
- Read **I Corinthians 12:4-11**
  - Paul gives us some guidelines here about using our gifts for service to God.
  - We are also supposed to work together, using our gifts to serve in God’s kingdom.
- How can some of us use our gifts in God’s church?
  - Write some examples on the board.
- How can we as we grow older, use these gifts in God’s church?

**4 Conclusion**

Not all of us have the same spiritual gifts, but we all have them. God wants us to use our gifts to help each other. We all contribute a part in God’s kingdom. God wants us to use our gifts to the best that we can.

**5 Echo Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving us spiritual gifts. Thank you for making our gifts different. Help us to work together using our spiritual gifts. Help us to use our gifts to the best that we can. Help us also to encourage others to use their spiritual gifts. Amen.

**6 Resources**

- **Bible**
- **Webster’s New World Dictionary**
- [www.twopaths.com](http://www.twopaths.com)  
Go to word search and scroll down to Growing in Wisdom and Faith or Fruits of the Spirit.

**7 Vocabulary**

**Talent:** Natural gifts

**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**

Write your Spiritual Gift on your paper. Then write one paragraph on how you can use your Spiritual Gift in the future