

LESSON 2 • Talent/Gifts



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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.
- Teach the children that God has given us these gifts to use to tell others about Him.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Have the children get their bibles turned to **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Have the vocabulary words written on the board without the meanings.
- Make sure the children have paper and pencil ready for use.
- Give each of the students a copy of the Spiritual Gifts Inventory

3 Lesson

- Read **I Corinthians 12:1-20**.
- Talk about how the body works together.
 - Each part has a function.
- Each one of us also has a function.
- We are all part of God's church.
- He has given us gifts.
 - Each one of us has spiritual gifts.
 - Not all of our gifts are the same.

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Lesson (continued)

- Let's look at the list on the board and think about what these gifts are.
- Go through the list and give the meanings of each gift.
 - Also talk about how these gifts can be used today.
 - Are there any gifts that we can add to this list?
 - Add them and then go around the room talking about the children's gifts that they have.
- Have the children look at the Spiritual Gifts Inventory to get an idea of how we can find out what their gifts might be.
- Why do we have these gifts?
- How can we use these gifts in our future?
- Finding jobs that we like can help in spreading God's word.
 - All of us should use these gifts the best way that we can.
- How can we use our gifts in the classroom?
- How can we use our gifts to help those around us?
- How can we use our gifts to help others in our school?
- Think of projects or ways that the children can help others in their school.
 - Some of these things may be good enough to give a try.

4 Conclusion

God has given each one of us spiritual gifts. We need to find ways that we can use those gifts to help those around us. He has chosen our gifts just for us. We need to use them the best ways that we can.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the gifts you have given us. Thank you for choosing my gifts just for me. Help me to use my gifts to the best that I can. Amen.

Amen.

6 Resources

- **Bible**
- <http://mintools.com/spiritual-gifts-test.htm>
This is a spiritual gifts test that will give the children an idea of what their gifts might be.
- **Webster's New World Dictionary**
- www.twopaths.com
Go to word search and scroll down to find some word searches on gifts.

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