

Review 1 Corinthians 13:2.

Recently, we looked at 1 Peter 4, Romans 12, and 1 Corinthians 12 and saw what they teach about spiritual gifts. As Paul finished Chapter 12 in 1 Corinthians, he said that there is a “more excellent way” in verse 31.

That way is developed and illustrated in Chapter 13.

Read 1 Corinthians 13. Then respond.

What is the main point of verses 1-3?

Write a summary statement for verses 4-8a.

What is the main point of verses 8b-13?

What is most important? (How should you use your gift(s)?

It is very clear from 1 Corinthians 13:8-10, that prophecies, tongues, and knowledge will pass away because they were (at the time of Paul’s writing) partial (v. 9). When would they be done away with? (v. 10)

τέλειος (“perfect” in ESV and “complete” in NIV) means “something brought to completion, fully accomplished, fully developed, or thorough; complete, entire.”

When the written Word of God was completed, these kinds of prophecies and knowledge would be “set aside” (καταργέω—rendered useless or unproductive by something else) and tongues would cease (παύω).

Thus, we believe sign gifts (e.g. tongues and prophecy) have ceased or been done away with for now, but that the other gifts are still in use by the Spirit who gives each believer one or more to be used in ministry.

Now, read **1 Corinthians 14:9, 19-20, 40.**

Which gift(s) is/are better? Why? _____

Proclaiming truth/being understood is preferred over tongues which are not understood. (1 Cor. 14)

But how does one learn which is/are his/her gifts(s)?

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Gifts!
Part 3



1. I _____ yourself about the gifts. Study the passages. Note what the gifts are and how they work.

2. P _____ — do the ministries associated with various particular gifts.

3. A _____ questions of people around you (in the Body) to determine how they see God working through you.



Since a God-given spiritual gift enables us to minister more effectively, then the areas in which people see God using you or where you are having more fruit, are likely to be your areas of giftedness.

Appendix pages 59-62 will help you follow the above plan. Work through these pages over the next several weeks. Be sure to talk with a friend or colleague about what you are learning and experiencing.

Two pages give definitions of the gifts. Study (#1) the definitions and the passages so that you know them. Then practice them (# 2) and ask others how they see God using you in their lives (# 3).



Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:3. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.