

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- \* Paul reveals that this "set-apartness" applies to worship practices as well. Jesus stated, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-24)
- \* **THE BASIS OF THIS TEACHING:**
  - **The Ignorance of the Corinthians** ... Paul's introduction to this subject is to remind the brethren of their need to gain of true spiritual knowledge and understanding.
  - **The Improper Foundation of the Corinthians** ... Being led away (apago) you were brought/led (ago) to voiceless idols! (The majority of the 16 uses of apago refer to Jesus being forcibly led away). Their thinking was contaminated by false religious practices which they gullibly were led into by demonic influences (cf. 10:20). Hence, they needed to "change the way they think."

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE MANIFESTATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12: 1-11)****A. The S \_\_\_\_\_ of the "Gifts" (v. 4-6, 11; cf. John 16:13-15)**

1. GOD THE SPIRIT: Separation of Gifts (cf. Romans 6:23; 12:6; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Acts 10:44-46)
2. GOD THE SON: Separation of Ministries (cf. Matthew 20:28)
3. GOD THE FATHER: Separation of Activities (cf. Philippians 2:13)

**B. The R \_\_\_\_\_ of the "Gifts" (v. 7a; cf. 1 Peter 4:10)****C. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the "Gifts" (v. 7b)****D. The C \_\_\_\_\_ of the "Gifts" (v. 8-10; cf. Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:7-11)**

1. GIFTS OF I \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)
  - a.
  - b.
2. GIFTS OF F \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)
  - a.
  - b. (cf. Acts 3:1-7; 8:18-20)
  - c. (cf. Acts 5:1-12)
  - d.
  - e. (cf. 1 John 4:1)
3. GIFTS OF L \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10; cf. Acts 2:4,11; 10:46; Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15)
  - a.
  - b. (cf. John 1:38,42; 9:7; Hebrews 7:2)

**II. THE COOPERATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12: 12-31)****A. The Int \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of the Body (v. 12-13, 27; cf. 10:1-4)**

1. WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST (cf. Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11-16; Colossians 2:18-19)
2. WE ARE A SPIRITUAL BODY (cf. 10:1-4)

**B. The Int \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of the Body (v. 12, 14-31)**

1. THE C \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BODY IS BY THE W \_\_\_\_\_ OF G \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-19, 28-30)
  - a. Each Individual \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Each Individual \_\_\_\_\_
2. THE C \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BODY IS FOR THE G \_\_\_\_\_ OF A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-19, 28-30)
  - a. A Mutual \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. A Mutual \_\_\_\_\_

- III. THE SUBJUGATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12:31 - 13:13) ... *March 18th*
- IV. THE DETERMINATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (14:1-25) ... *April 8th*
- V. THE ADMINISTRATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (14:26-40) ... *April 15th*

## **INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHAT ABILITIES AND GIFTS HAS GOD BESTOWED UPON YOU?
  
- \* WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY OF "CHURCH"?
  
- ARE YOU COMING FOR WHAT YOU CAN GET, OR WHAT YOU MAY GIVE?
  
- \* ARE YOU MORE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR WANTS OR THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN THE BODY?
  
- \* DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS BROUGHT YOU HERE FOR HIS GLORY AND THE EDIFICATION OF THE ASSEMBLY?
  
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

## **INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

*It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- \* What are some ways that we can, as a body, do better at empowering those in the body to perform their role?
- \* How can we, individually, become more committed to the role to which God assigned us in His body?
- \* Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What should we be doing, as a body and individually, to facilitate our transformation into an integrated body of Christ ... recognizing and responding to Christ as our head?