



Main Idea: The Holy Spirit works in the diversity of spiritual gifts to unify the members of the church and accomplish Christ's mission.

Faith's Mission: Know Christ, Grow Together, Serve Others, and Go to our Neighbors and the Nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

We SERVE others in the church and as the church

We SERVE with our talent, time, and treasure

In order to SERVE, we must discover, develop, and deploy our spiritual gift(s)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 motivates us to discover, develop, and deploy our spiritual gifts

- ALL believers have the Holy Spirit in them – v. 3
- ALL believers are given at least one spiritual gift – v. 6, 11
- Spiritual gifts are given for the benefit of the church – v. 6
- Spiritual gifts are bestowed by the power of Spirit according to His will – v. 11

Only as we exercise our spiritual gift(s) will the church be unified and accomplish Christ's mission

Four actions that will help you find your place in serving the church

1. Affirm the design that develops unity – vv. 12-14

Christians are part of the body of Christ: the church

DISCOVER how the Spirit has gifted you to serve

- What can I do that the church needs to accomplish Christ's mission? (v. 7)
- Consider some of the gifts of the Spirit listed in Scripture (v. 8-10, 28)
- What talents has God given me? (ask those who know you best)
- What ways of serving others energizes me?

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2. Avoid the danger that destroys unity – vv. 15-21

Christians destroy unity when they overestimate their importance

Christians destroy unity when they underestimate their importance

3. Apply the devotion that displays unity – vv. 22-26

Christians display unity when they genuinely care for one another

4. Advance the desire that defends unity – vv. 27-31

Christians should desire spiritual gifts that directly related to God's Word