



Come in Third (Part 4): Power Tools

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

OPEN

What are some of your gifts and talents? How did you discover you were good at these?

DISCUSS

Definition of Spiritual Gifts:

“Spiritual gifts are supernatural empowerments, given to every believer, for the up-building of the Body of Christ.”

- Before we explore aspects of this definition, what strikes you in this definition?

Read 1 Cor 12:1-11

- What is Paul’s desire concerning the church and spiritual gifts (vs 1)? How informed is our church in the area of spiritual gifts from what you observe? How informed are YOU on this topic and reality?

Spiritual Gifts are *supernatural empowerments*

- What is the difference between the gifts of the spirit and our natural talents?
- Consider the following verses that speak to supernatural empowerment: Exod 35:30-33; Deut 34:9; Judg 2:16; Isa 11:2.

Spiritual Gifts are given to *every believer*

- To whom are spiritual gifts given? (See 1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:7)

- What happens to the church when ministry is left to the church “professionals” or limited to those who we see as “really” gifted people?

Spiritual Gifts are *for the common good*

- Discuss this quote from the weekend sermon: “The quality of a community where spiritual gifts are taken seriously and conscientiously employed is something amazing indeed.”
 - What do you “see” when you think of a church where spiritual gifts are taken seriously and conscientiously employed?
- Verses to consider: 1 Cor 12:7-11; Eph 4:11-13, 15-16

Benefits of Using our Spiritual Gifts

(Discuss anything you wish from this list of benefits)

- **Firepower.** (Acts 1:8)
- **Fun.** (moving from “should” to joy of investing my life)
- **Freedom.** (Guiding when to say “yes or no”)
- **Fulfillment.** (Eph 4:11).

YOUR NEXT STEP...

- If you have not done so, take time to explore your spiritual gifts, listening to the Spirit in your life, through the attached resource on spiritual gifts emailed from your group and on our media website downloads (<http://www.cc-ob.org/guides>).