

3. When I serve in Love, I reflect the eternal love of God.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Together: Study of 1 Corinthians “Gifted to Love”

1 Corinthians 12:27 - 13:13
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1. My Spiritual Gift empowers me to make my unique contribution in the Body of Christ.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 12:27-30

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message?
2. What is the purpose of Spiritual Gifts? Based upon your study, which gift(s) do you think you have?
3. How may you both exercise your gift and contribute to the unity of the body of Christ?
4. Why are gifts used without love useless? Why is love more excellent than the spiritual gifts?
5. Why is love the ultimate solution to the divisions in Corinth or in any church?
6. Which aspects of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 do you find hardest to practice consistently? Why?
7. Take time to go around your Group affirming the strengths and gifts you see in one another. Take turns having one person sit in silence while the others affirm his or her strengths.
8. What practical step can you take this week to use your gift? Share with your group your plan and invite them to join you in prayer for this opportunity.

Gift	Definition	Contributes
Apostleship Apostolos (ä-po'-sto-los)	The divine ability to start churches or other ministries and oversee their development. The ability to minister cross-culturally with the goal of planting churches.	New Ministries
Prophecy Prophēteia (pro-fā-tā'-ä)	The divine ability to proclaim God's truth with power and clarity in a timely and culturally sensitive manner. The focus is for correction, repentance, or edification. It's the ability to reveal God's Word accurately.	Conviction
Teaching Didaskalos (dē-dä'-skä-los)	The divine enablement to understand and give detailed explanation of biblical truth. Ability to search out and validate truth which has been presented.	Application
Miracles Dynamis (dü'-nä-mēs)	The divine ability to serve as an instrument through whom God accomplishes acts that manifest supernatural power.	God's Power

Gift	Definition	Contributes
Gifts of Healing Iama (ē'-ä-mä)	The divine ability to be God vessel for restoring people to wholeness. People with this gift: demonstrate the power of God; bring restoration to the sick and diseased; pray, touch, or speak words that miraculously bring healing to one's body.	Wholeness
Helps Antilēmpsis (än-tē'-lām-psēs)	The divine ability to bring support and help to someone in the performing of a task in order to relieve their burden and responsibilities.	Support
Administration Kybernēsis (kü-be'r-nā-sēs)	The divine ability to steer a church or Christian organization toward the fulfillment of its goals by managing its affairs and implementing necessary plans.	Efficiency & Effectiveness
Tongues Glōssa (glō's-sä)	The divine ability given spontaneously by the Holy Spirit to an individual to speak in a language unknown to the speaker.	A Message

2. My level of love will determine my level of ministry effectiveness.

³⁴ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way. ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:7

	Servility	Servanthood
Serves out of:	<u>obligation</u> . It's an "I have to" attitude	<u>obedience</u> . It's an "I want to serve God" attitude.
Is Motivated to serve by concern for:	<u>others see</u> . Driven by "what will others say if I don't serve, or if I don't serve in this ministry, or don't serve in this way, or don't commit this kind of time?"	<u>God sees</u> . We serve because we have fellowship and communion with God. We understand that ultimately we have an audience of One.
Serves with the Attitude of:	<u>Not my job</u> ! Aims to do the minimum necessary to get by and fulfill the basics.	<u>Whatever it takes</u> ! Willing to go outside the "Job Description."
Has a Ministry-Mindset that says:	<u>Me first</u> ! Wants to advance its own agenda and is asking "What's in it for me?"	<u>Father first</u> ! Look up and say, "Lord, what would YOU have me do at this time? God, how could my life best honor you? How can I make a difference today in the way you have enabled me to touch lives?"
Serves with Spirit of:	<u>Pride</u> . When we serve out of Servility, we look at what we did and say "Hey, I did that, I have something to offer, aren't I something." It's I,I,I,I.	<u>Humility</u> . Servanthood says "God did that! God has given me a Spiritual Gift and has filled me with His Spirit to empower me for the faithful and meaningful expression of that Spiritual Gift. God has used me to have an impact in a person's life.
The Results are:	<u>Self-seeking</u> . Believers prompted by Servility try to build up and draw attention to themselves.	<u>God glorifying</u> . Servanthood says "Don't look at me, I am glad to serve you; give God the glory, isn't He wonderful?"