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# Spiritual Gifts Introduction

Have you ever been part of a team, family, or job in which you worked with lots of different types of people with different skills?

*I. Everyone is given gifts from God.*

**Rom. 12:4-8**

4Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Is one gift better than another, or more preferred? Does it ever seem that way?

*II. There are some gifts God highlights, but. . .*

**Eph. 4:11-13**

11It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

What kinds of gifts are highlighted here?

Does everyone have them?

What are they intended to do?

*III. Paul talks about all kinds of spiritual gifts and then he focuses on . . .*

**1 Cor. 13:1-3**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2If 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 have not love, I am nothing. 3If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Why is love focused on? It's not even in lists of spiritual gifts.

*III. Whatever you do, do it for the Lord.*

**Col. 3:16-17**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ultimately, where do all our gifts, talents, and abilities come from?

Where should they ultimately be directed?