

BIBLE STUDY

Topic:
**“Armed & Dangerous:
Spiritual Gifts for God’s People”**

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Proposition: The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to each believer as He desires and equips each with the power to function in the Body of Christ for the profit of all.

I. The Importance of Spiritual Knowledge (1-3)

- A. We must know the truth about spiritual gifts. (1)
- B. We must acknowledge the truth about our past idolatry. (2)
- C. We must know the truth about Spirit-empowered ministry. (3)
 - 1. Spirit-empowered ministry never curses Jesus.
 - 2. Spirit-empowered ministry always exalts Jesus as Lord.

II. The Diversity of Spiritual Empowerment (4-6)

- A. There is a diversity of spiritual gifts. (4)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit has given every believer a different spiritual gift.
 - 2. A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability to function in the Body of Christ.
 - 3. Our spiritual gift is WHAT we are supernaturally empowered to do.
 - a. Teaching: the ability to teach the Word of God
 - b. Evangelizing: the ability to sharing the gospel
 - c. Shepherding: the ability to care for souls and foster spiritual growth
 - d. Exhorting: the ability to encourage & counsel through God's Word
- B. There is a diversity of ministries. (5)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit has given every believer a different ministry.
 - 2. A ministry is a supernatural effectiveness to function in the Body of Christ.
 - 3. Our ministry is with WHOM we are most effective using our spiritual gift.
 - a. According to age: children, youth, young adults, adults, seniors
 - b. According to special needs: abuse, illness, injury, physical challenge
 - c. According to special circumstances: prison, nursing homes, homelessness, gangs, poverty, etc.
 - d. According to special relationships: singles, marrieds, divorcees, etc.
- C. There is a diversity of operations. (6)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit has given every believer a different operation.
 - 2. An operation is a supernatural way to function in the Body of Christ.
 - 3. Our operation is HOW God uses us best when we exercise our gifts.
 - a. One on one operation
 - b. Small group operation
 - c. Large group operation
 - d. Mass operation

III. The Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts (7-11)

- A. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer to be used for the profit of all. (7)
- B. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer individually. (8-10)
 - 1. Word of wisdom
 - 2. Word of knowledge
 - 3. Faith
 - 4. Gifts of healing
 - 5. Working of miracles
 - 6. Prophecy
 - 7. Discerning of spirits
 - 8. Different kinds of tongues
 - 9. Interpretation of tongues

- C. Spiritual gifts are given to each believer individually as the Holy Spirit desires. (11)

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Lesson #2: Unity in Diversity

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PROPOSITION: It pleased God to compose the Body of Christ in such a way that there is unity in diversity and so as to make each member a valuable part of the whole.

I. Unity in the Body of Christ (12, 13)

- A. Although there are many members, we are one Body in Christ. (12)
- B. Although we are different, we all have been placed into the Body of Christ. (13)
 - 1. We have all been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.
 - 2. We have all been made to drink of one Spirit.

II. Diversity in the Body of Christ. (14-26)

- A. Although we are one Body in Christ, we have many members. (14-21)
 - 1. We can't depreciate ourselves because we are different from others. (15-20)
 - a. Every member is an important part of the Body. (15, 16)
 - b. If the Body were all one part, there would be no body. (17, 19)
 - c. God has determined the parts we play as it pleased Him. (18)
 - d. God has determined that the Body will have different parts. (20)
 - 2. We can't depreciate others because they are different from us. (21)
- B. Although we are different, we are all valued parts of the Body. (22-24)
 - 1. Parts that seem weaker are necessary. (22)
 - 2. Parts that seem less honorable are given greater honor. (23, 24)
 - 3. Unpresentable parts are given greater modesty. (23)
 - 4. Presentable parts have no need for such modesty. (24)
- C. Although we are different, there should never be division in the Body. (25)
- D. Although we are different, we should have the same care for one another. (25-26)
 - 1. If one part of the Body suffers, all the members suffer with it. (26)
 - 2. If one part of the Body is honored, all the members rejoice with it. (26)

III. The Diversity of Gifts in the Body of Christ (27-31)

- A. Every Christian in a member of the Body of Christ and has a gift or gifts. (27)
- B. God has appointed the gifts that will operate in the church. (28-30)

1. Apostles	6. Helps
2. Prophets	7. Administrations
3. Teachers	8. Tongues
4. Miracles	9. Interpretation of tongues
5. Healings	
- C. All do not possess the same spiritual gifts. (29, 30)
- D. Christians should earnestly desire the best gifts. (31)
- E. Christians should exercise all spiritual gifts in the spirit of love. (12:31-13:13)