



# Sermon Notes

**Topic:** Gifts of the Spirit

**Bible Passage:** 1 Corinthians 12:4–11

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## Outline

- The word *charisma* (from *charis*, meaning grace) refers to grace-gifts—spiritual gifts freely given by the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 emphasizes **three core truths**:
  - **Unity of source:** All gifts come from the same Spirit (vv. 4–6).
  - **Sovereignty of God:** The Spirit distributes gifts as *He* determines (v. 11).
  - **Purpose of gifts:** Given for the **common good**, not personal pride (v. 7).
- These supernatural gifts include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation.
- **Other spiritual gifts** are also mentioned in Romans 12:6–8, including serving, teaching, encouragement, giving, leadership, and mercy. These too are called *charismata*—gifts of grace given by the Spirit
- Spiritual gifts do **not** equate to spiritual maturity—character development is still essential.
- Chapters 12–14 should be read together, showing that gifts are to be exercised **in love, with order, and for edification**.
- Believers are encouraged to **eagerly desire** the gifts (1 Cor 14:1), while practicing discernment and accountability.



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## **Small Group Questions/Discussions**

### **1. Unity in Diversity**

- Read verses 4–6. How does understanding that all gifts come from the same Spirit shape our attitude toward different roles and abilities in the church?

### **2. Gift vs. Character**

- Why is it important to distinguish between having a spiritual gift and being spiritually mature? Can you think of examples where this distinction has been significant?

### **3. Your Experience**

- Have you ever experienced or witnessed a spiritual gift in use (e.g., healing, prophecy, encouragement)? What was your reaction?

### **4. Desiring the Gifts**

- In what ways can your group create a safe and encouraging space to explore and grow in spiritual gifts, while staying grounded in Scripture and love?