

Accurately Handling
The Word of Truth

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1 Cor. 12:7-11

Part 4



v. 7 **“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”**

Manifestation = “the making of something open to the senses; to exhibit”

The invisible Spirit “exhibits” Himself through the speech and actions of people that make Him apparent to others.

Is given = “to commit into one’s care to be administered”

I Pet. 4:10 “good stewards of the manifold grace of God” Stewards must not do what they want with the manifestations of the Spirit, nor can they neglect them without consequences.

To profit withal = Ignore “withal”.

Profit = “toward the expedient” (necessary)

*The manifestation of the Spirit that is the greatest is the one that is necessary to the particular circumstance.

V. 8 “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit...”

- Nine examples, some mundane some unusually spectacular
- Their value cannot be measured by its place in the order of the lists. They can't all be 'first' in value.

“For to one is given...” To commit into one's care to be administered.

“by the Spirit...” repeated five times because of 'polytheistic' beliefs.

- The Holy Spirit has already committed grace-expressions into your care for you to administer them.
- “...the word of wisdom...” To see things from God's perspective combined with common sense.
- Matt. 22:21, Acts 6:1-3

“the word of knowledge by the same Spirit...” To be taking in knowledge; to come to know.

- John 4:17-18, Acts 5:3-4

V. 9 “...faith by the same Spirit...”

- Given to certain individuals for a specific task at a specific time. A sudden surge of confidence. Often connected with “healing” and “miracles”.
- Mark 5:36, Matt. 8:10, Acts 14:9-10

“...gifts of healing...” More than one kind of grace-expression of healing because there are more than one kind of affliction.

- Acts 9:34, Acts 3:12

v. 10 “...working(s) of miracles...”

“workings” = *energemata* = effects produced by energy.

“miracles” = *dunameo* “To be able; to have power.” An ability that is not produced by any natural agents or means.

Col. 1:11 is no less a miracle than Matt. 14:20-21 both accomplished by no natural agents or means.

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“...to another prophecy...” If the church is to be edified, then people in the church must prophesy. Highly to be desired (14:1; 3-5; 31)

- Most do not have to do with foretelling the future.

- NT prophecy is not like OT prophecy. (Pentecost)

14:29 NT prophecy must be judged. Mixture.

14:3 NT utilizes the mind of the speaker.

14:32 Less-than-perfect NT prophets are not to be rejected.

14:1,12,39 NT prophecy is to be zealously desired by believers.

14:3 NT prophecy is speaking human words to report something that God brings to mind.

Three prerequisites: desire, revelation, faithfulness Rom. 16:6

“...to another discerning of spirits...”

- Discerning = to decide; to learn by discriminating (seeing the difference) to separate out. Separating out “the true aims and purposes” of someone.
- 14:32 “ ...the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”
- Discerning of spirits must accompany prophecy.
- “divers kinds of tongues...” “Families” of tongues.
- *Glossalaleo* = tongue-speaking addressed to God.
- Whether it is a “real” language or not is irrelevant.
- Not “ecstasy”!

“...interpretation of tongues.” To have a reasonable expectation that speaking in tongues will have an edifying outcome for the church.

There is a need for more information from the scriptures as to how to make interpretation of tongues happen.

V. 11 “But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

- One and the selfsame... Polytheistic beliefs.
- Dividing = to take sunder and distribute.
- Severally = according to his own individual self.