

Accurately Handling
The Word of Truth

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1 Cor. 12:10-13

Part 2



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. Five differences since Pentecost.

14:29 NT prophecy must be judged. Mixture.

14:3 NT utilizes the mind of the speaker. Obstacle course.

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

“Prophecy in part...”

14:1,12,39 NT prophecy is to be zealously desired. Do not deprive the church.

14:3 NT prophecy is speaking in one’s own 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.
- Discerning “the spirits of the prophets” (14:32) Not ‘evil’ spirits.
- I Cor. 2:13 “...the spirit of man which is in him...”
- Discerning of spirits must accompany prophecy to judge not just the words but the ‘spirit’.

- “divers kinds of tongues...” “Families” of tongues.
- *Glossalaleo* = tongue-speaking “...not unto men, but unto God...” (14:2)
- Whether it is a “real” language or not is irrelevant.
- 14:14 “my understanding is unfruitful” does not mean “blank” or “in a trance” or “rapture”
- Not “ecstasy”!

“...interpretation of tongues.”

- Interpretation = “to explain fully and clearly one’s own understanding or conception of the meaning.” (Luke 24:27)
- Not “translation”
- No specific examples in the lives of Jesus or apostles.
- Pre-conceived ideas that are not in scripture.
- Obstacle course.
- What is known – 9 things What is not know for sure – 22 things
- People need to have a reasonable expectation that speaking in tongues will have an edifying outcome for the church.
- We are lacking specific instructions and descriptions that are necessary for interpretation of tongues as edifying as aul says it is.

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

Repeat of v. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 same spirit

Dividing =distributing according to a plan.

Severally = individually; personally

He does not ask for our input, only our joyful acceptance.

v. 12 “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body, so also is Christ.”

“one body, many members” five times v. 12,14,18,19,27

Alternative to the ‘patronage’ system of relationships. verticale/unequal

Encourages horizontal/equal relationships

v. 13 “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

Gr. *ev* = ‘in’, translated as “by” Gr. *dia* = by This is a “rail-switch” word.

“...we are all baptized...”

*People baptize people in water.

Jesus baptizes people in the Holy Spirit. (Matt.3:11)

God “sets” people in the body. (12:18)

Baptized = “Wholly cover or dipped in a fluid” “dippized”

The ‘fluid’ is the Holy Spirit – not water.

Four parts to baptism in the Holy Spirit:

The baptizer. The baptized. The element. The purpose.

“...into one body...”

Into = *eis* = the result of the verb (baptized); the result of the action.

*Being baptized in the Spirit forms individuals with widely varying backgrounds “into” one body.

Jews, Gentiles, bond, free... only one thing can unify such bitterly divided people - that is for all to be immersed (baptized) in the one Holy Spirit.

“...made to drink...” “drinkized”; given to drink

Who gives you to drink? John 7:37 “...come to Me and drink...”

What do you drink? V. 39 “...this he spake of the Spirit...”

Jesus is the baptizer, Jesus is the drinkizer.

“...into one Spirit.”

Into = *eis* = the result of the verb (drink); the result of the action

*The result of drinking in the Spirit is that widely differing people will become **one body**.