

DISCUSSION IDEAS
YOU ARE CHARISMATIC

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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KEY TRUTH:

WHO: YOU
WHAT: ARE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED
HOW: BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHY: TO BUILD UP YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.

♦ DISCUSSION POINT ONE: PERSPECTIVE.

What is wrong with each of the following ideas?

1. I am grateful that Jesus has saved me, but I'm nobody. I can't do anything for God. He will take care of other people.
2. I don't feel like I have any special gifts.
3. Man, am I good at what I do. I am really going to go out and do good things for God.

Read through 1 Cor. 12:1-11.

Now go back to verse 1.

What does the Apostle's opening statement tell you?

Understanding that the Corinthian believers had certainly seen supernatural events in their pagan past, how do verses 2-3 fit in?

How can we grow in spiritual maturity and discernment?

♦ DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHO GETS A GIFT, AND WHO GIVES IT?

The answer is in 1 Cor. 12:4-6.

How many of us are intended to receive a gift? Support your answer from this passage.

In Sunday's message, Paul states that:

"The Father energizes,
the Son utilizes and
the Holy Spirit distributes grace-gifts."

How do these ideas come from verses 4-6?

What are these gifts like?

Some translations use the word "varieties" in verses 4-6. Note that this is the same basic idea as the word "distributing" in verse 11.

The idea, then, is that the gifts are given out, but that they are not all the same.

-----HERE IS A BIT OF PRACTICE IN WORD STUDY:-----

Compare different translations of verse 4 in order to get a picture of what the word "activities" really means.

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One translation may use the word "activities" and another the word "effects". The original word is related to "energizing". Look at how the second part of v. 6 clarifies this.

Compare Phil. 2:13. How do these statements give us confidence and comfort when faced with the challenge of using God's gifts?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: SO, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MY GIFT?**

Look at the gifts mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:7-11.

What does v. 7 tell us about their purpose?

What does v. 11 say about how many of us get a gift?

Remember last week's message?

What is God intending to accomplish?

What will be the result if I "sit on the bench" and do not get involved?

♦ **FOR MEDITATION:**

Cogitate on this:

"I DO HAVE A SPIRITUAL GIFT"

"I HAVE BEEN GRACE-GIFTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BUILD UP MY CHURCH FAMILY."

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♦ **FOR PRAYER:**

Our Grace Church Elders: Pray for our elders as they seek how to do their part in God's plan.

Gettises: Pray for the Gettis family as they head down to Costa Rica this Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Valentine's Day on a plane!

Then on March 1st Dave starts 6 weeks of intensive Spanish Language study. Pray for his brain :-)

Shelter Valley: Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there. Pray for Scott and Leslie Stevens as Scott heads up this ministry. Pray for continued growth in understanding among those who attend about God's Plan and what it really means to follow Him.

Home Groups: Pray for our home groups.

Pray for the leaders to grow in understanding and skill so that those in each group will truly grow in their walk in the Spirit and in true agape love.

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Pray that more folks will take part in a home group and be encouraged as a result.

Pray that each one of us would seek to learn how to use our individual spiritual gift(s) to build up the Body of Christ.

Pearsons: Continue to pray for John and Bobbie Pearson as John completes a living area for his 101 year old mother, and for their son, John Caleb, who is dealing with severe cancer and now on palliative care. John Caleb flew to Seattle the 12th, for a medical appointment on the 16th. Pray for pain relief.

Barangonan Island: Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Barangonan Island.

Pray for wisdom and encouragement as both Ingvoldstads and Binders prepare to move off the island. Pray for wisdom, clear understanding of God's Word and continued obedience to the Holy Spirit on the part of the island church leaders.

Praise and continued prayer: Continue to uphold the Tagbanwa believers who go to a neighboring island every Friday to teach about God. Pray too for the hearers to respond.

"Continue to pray for them as there continues to be a solid group listening and interacting with God's Word. We often get to go, and its exciting to see `the body' in action.

"Not only are there teachers, but others go to support and engage this new group who is hearing. If you can believe it, there are even some who catch fish for the families who go so they won't miss a meal!

"Continue to pray for strength and endurance for those who go, as well as understanding for those who hear."

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.

Persecuted Believers:

Let's not forget to uphold our fellow believers around the world who are experiencing real and intense persecution for following Jesus.

This week:

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1. **Nepal:** Durga and her husband Dinesh in Nepal – They recently became believers when God healed Durga. They evangelize the low caste villagers with audio Bibles.
2. **Kazakstan :** Yklas in Kazakstan – In December 2015 he was imprisoned for 2 years on false charges. He is being encouraged by letters Christians write to him through VOM.
3. **China:** Six women were detained Jan.10th for holding an "illegal" Bible study at their church. Pray for all Christians in China – pastors, evangelists, and the unsaved.