

## **SATURDAY/SUNDAY AUGUST 7 & 8**

**IT IS GIVEN FOR THE PROFIT OF ALL**

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

The third person of the Trinity is known as the Holy Spirit and may be the most neglected of the Godhead. He has played a role in this world since the creation and continues to do so today. Jesus especially emphasized the importance of the Holy Spirit following His resurrection and the importance of His continuing ministry in the body of believers. As we look through God's Word, we see the Holy Spirit functioning in the believer's life in the following ways:

He regenerates. He indwells. He anoints. He baptizes. He guides. He empowers.

He sanctifies. He bears witness. He comforts. He gives joy. He gives discernment.

He bears fruit. He gives gifts. He is a counselor.

The area we are focusing on here is the manifestation of the Spirit which is given to each believer in order to produce what is beneficial to the overall body of believers (1 Corinthians 12:7).

The gifts which are given come from one source (the Holy Spirit) and each gift has a unity of purpose. Whatever gift of the Holy Spirit you may be given is not for personal enrichment but for the purpose of building up and bringing encouragement to the Body of Christ as a whole. (See 1 Corinthians 10:24; 1 Corinthians 14:12) In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul gives us a list of 9 gifts.

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| 1. Wisdom                                 | 2. Knowledge |
| 3. Faith                                  | 4. Healing   |
| 5. Miraculous powers                      | 6. Prophecy  |
| 7. Ability to distinguish between spirits | 8. Tongues   |
| 9. Interpretation of tongues              |              |

As Christ's vessels, there should be a manifestation (to make visible) the gift(s) which the Holy Spirit has given to us which in turn should be exercised for the good of all. Whatever gift we have been given does not mean one is better than the other. Each are important...each part coming together to make the body of Christ flow in unity. All that the Holy Spirit gives and produces within each of us reveals His character and His works.

Whatever deposit the Holy Spirit has placed within you, follow His leading as to when and how He desires for that to be manifested through you. We are to be zealous for those gifts so that we may excel in building up the church (1 Corinthians 14:12). "Based on the gift each one has received; use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10 HCSB)