

Study Notes based on Sunday 15 April 2018

Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

1. How do you react when someone mentions spiritual gifts? Fear, indifference, excitement, emotionalism, bewilderment? Why?
2. What do you believe to be the purpose of spiritual gifts? (Colossians 1:28)
3. Check out Old Testament examples of spiritual gifting. Exodus 31:2-5; Judges 14:5-6; Judges 15:14; Joel 2:28-29
4. Read over these New Testament lists of spiritual gifts. Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-4,28; why do you think the lists vary?
5. What do you think is the relationship between spiritual gifts and natural abilities?
6. Graeme suggested spiritual gifts are to move individual Christians toward maturity. Comment on the suggestion that these are tools not toys.
7. Secondly he said they are to encourage the church to be mature. He identified 4 things which need to be kept in balance – Bible based; Jesus centred; Mission orientated; Spirit led. What happens when each one is emphasised more than the others?
8. How do you think we can discover what our spiritual gifts?

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