Summer in the Spirit: Gifting of the Spirit
1 Corinthians 12:1-14
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1 Corinthians 12:1-14: Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. [2] You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. [3] Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. [4] There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. [5] There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. [6] There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. [7] Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. [8] To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10] to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. [12] Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. [13] For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body--whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free-- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. [14] Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ God's amazing generosity

_____ giver: Do not be deceived my beloved brothers and sisters! All good giving and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of Lights who does not vary nor is there any shiftiness!

James 1:16-17 (JOT)

_____ heart: To accomplish the building of the first tabernacle Moses called...all the ones having the wisdom which God had placed in their hearts but also they willingly choose to come to the work….

Exodus 36:2 (JOT)

2. _____ the Spirit's gifting

_____ focus: …no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit…. There are different kinds of service…. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

1 Corinthians 12:3-6 (NLT)

_____ goal: But each gift, each service, each work of God is given to display the work of the Spirit to strengthen the common good, not personal pride!

1 Corinthians 12:7 (JOT)

_____ purpose: It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives…Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:12b-13 (MSG)

3. _____ in the Spirit's power

_____ a servant heart: Regard others above yourself by not being self-focused but servant focused. The only way you can do is by adopting the way of thinking of Christ Jesus…he humbled himself by becoming obedient….

Philippians 2:4-5, 8 (JOT)

Spiritual Action Step:

How is God speaking into your life? Are you tired of the empty ways of self-centeredness? Are you willing to humble yourself to find a greater fullness in your life? Jesus said: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16 NIV) Accept this gift into your life! It can transform the darkness into light, fear into faith, and sorrow into joy! This is God's standing offer to you. Ask for God's love to fill your heart and acknowledge that you need God's help! This week read 1 Corinthians 12 and 13 to empower God's Spirit to refresh you soul and strengthen your heart!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: New Living Translation; MSG: The Message.