



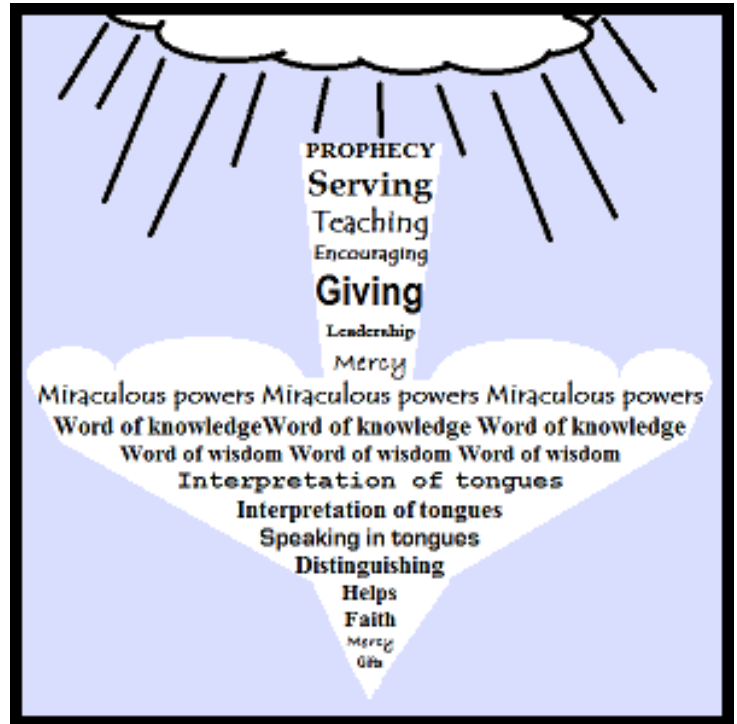
THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

*1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning **spiritual gifts**, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.*

Course Text: 1st Corinthians 12, 13 and 14

<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Spiritual Gifts Awareness
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10	In an Orderly Manner

In this course we make *no* attempt distinguish between roles, gifts and "natural" talents. They all are gifts from God bestowed on us by the Spirit as He decides, when He sees fit, in the measure He determines. Whatever you have, you can pray for more. God's treasure chest is never emptied.



Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. The final "Think & Pray" question should always be covered, because that is when everyone takes a quiet moment to listen to the Teacher, the Holy Spirit. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

If you are using this with a pen pal please notice that lesson 1 is twice as long as the others.

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Lesson 1 – **Spiritual Gifts Awareness** (1 Corinthians 12:1-31)

(You may want to look at question 1M before you begin reading this chapter.)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 and answer these questions:

[1A] Paul does not want us to be unaware of what? _____

[1B] What is the only way one can sincerely claim "Jesus is Lord?" _____

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and answer these questions:

[1C] Where do the various gifts all come from? _____

[1D] What is the purpose of the Spirit giving each one a gift? _____

[1E] Who decides who gets which gift? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-17 and answer these questions:

[1F] How are we all baptized into one body? _____

[1G] How many members does the body have? _____

[1H] What are the answers to the rhetorical questions that Paul asks here? _____

Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-26 and answer these questions:

[1I] God has placed the members in the body according to what? _____

[1J] If one member is honored, who rejoices? _____

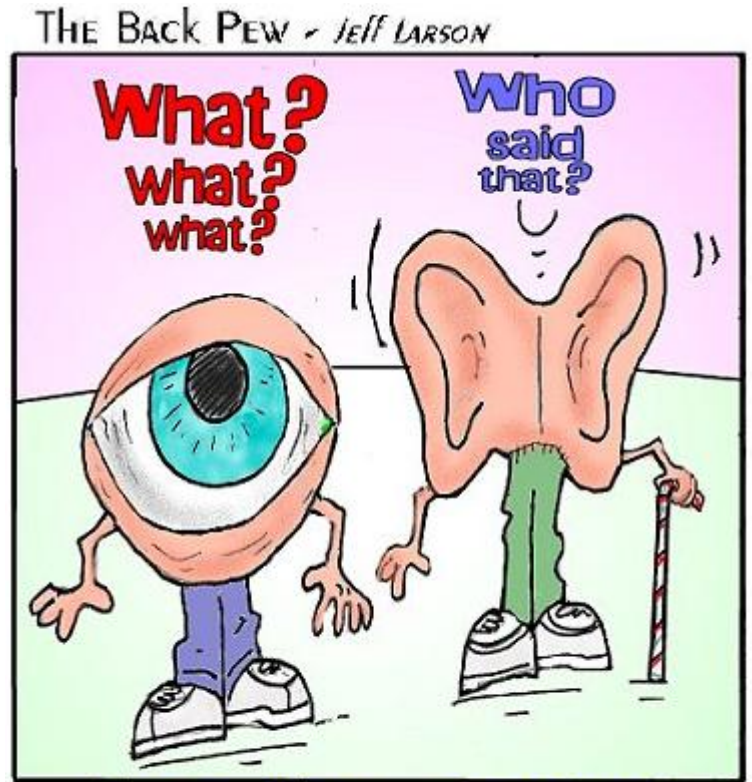
Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 and answer these questions:

[1K] Whose body are we members of? _____

[1L] What are we to earnestly desire? _____

[1M] There is more than one list of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12. Please find them and identify the similarities and differences. Why are they different?

Think & Pray _____



Eyes, Ears, and Aints
1 Cor. 12:16-17 The eye sez "I aint an ear". the ear sez "I aint an eye" so I aint a part of the body."

----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 1 – Spiritual Gifts Awareness

[1A] Paul does not want us to be unaware of what? Spiritual gifts 1Cor 12:1

[1B] What is the only way one can sincerely claim "Jesus is Lord?" by the Holy Spirit 1Cor12:3

[1C] Where do the various gifts all come from? The same Spirit 1Cor 12:4

[1D] What is the purpose of the Spirit giving each one a gift? The common good 1Cor 12:7

[1E] Who decides who gets which gift? The Spirit 1Cor 12:11

[1F] How are we all baptized into one body? By one Spirit 1Cor 12:13

[1G] How many members does the body have? Many 1Cor 12:14

[1H] What are the answers to the rhetorical questions that Paul asks here?

Even if the parts are not alike they are still members of the same body

[1I] God has placed the members in the body according to what? His desires 1Cor 12:18

[1J] If one member is honored, who rejoices? All the members 1Cor 12:26

[1K] Whose body are we members of? Christ's body 1Cor 12:27

[1L] What are we to earnestly desire? The greater gifts 1Cor 12:31

[1M] 1Cor 12:8-10 word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, effecting of miracles, prophecy, distinguishing of spirits, various kinds of tongues & interpretation of tongues.

1Cor 12:28-30 (Some see this as one list, and others as two, here it is shown as two.)

1Cor 12:28 apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, administrations, tongues

1Cor 12:29-30 apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, tongues

The Bible does not explain the differences. It is my belief that the lists are different because they are not complete. I don't think Paul has any intention of putting a limit on what gifts the Holy Spirit might bestow, but is just giving us examples of the kinds of things he is talking about.

For further thought:

(1n) In 1 Corinthians 12:13 it likens being baptized to "drinking" the Spirit. What is it talking about?

(1o) In 1 Corinthians 12:22-25 Paul draws a distinction between how God bestows honor and how we bestow honor. What is that distinction and why is it important?

(1p) How is the varieties of the gifts related to unity? (1 Corinthians 12:4-13)

(1q) The rhetorical questions in 1 Corinthians 12:17, 19, 29 & 30 seem to suggest there was some kind of problem or misunderstanding in the church at Corinth. Do you agree? Why or why not?

(1r) On the next two pages are some charts and lists of the way some people have organized and categorized the various spiritual gifts. Do you think such charts as useful? Why or why not?

In this course we have organized our study based on the usual recipient - the church, the lost, our community, ourselves and miscellaneous other. There are many other ways to organize them. There are hundreds of charts on the internet as well as various tests you can take to that claim to determine what gift you might have. The list on the next page is a good example of the variety of beliefs among Christians on this matter. The view taken is that some of the gifts of the Spirit are no longer manifested, that they were meant only for the early church. There are many that would strongly disagree with this point of view. What do you think and why?

Gifts for the Church	Gifts for the Lost	Gifts for your Neighbors	Gifts for our Self	Gifts of Power
ADMINISTRATION 1 Cor 12:28 Acts 27:11 Acts 6:1-7	APOSTLE 1 Cor 12:28 Eph 4:11 2 Cor 12:12 Eph 3:1-9	HOSPITALITY Rom 12:9-13 Heb 13:1-2 Acts 16:15 Rom 16:23	DISCERNING OF SPIRITS 1 Cor 12:10 Acts 16:16-18 1 John 4:1-6	MIRACLES 1 Cor 12:10, 28 Acts 19:11-20 Rom 15:18-19 Acts 9:36-42
LEADERSHIP Rom 12:8 Acts 15:7-11 1 Tim 5:17 Acts 7:10 Heb 13:17	EVANGELIST Eph 4:11 Acts 8:5-6 Acts 8:26-40 2 Tim 4:5 Acts 21:8 Acts 14:21	MERCY Rom 12:8 Acts 16:33-34 Luke 10:33-35 Mark 9:41	CELIBACY 1 Cor 7:7-8 Mat 19:10-12	HEALING 1 Cor 12:9, 28 Acts 3:1-10 Acts 5:12-16 Acts 9:32-35
PASTOR Eph 4:11 1 Tim 3:1-7 John 10:1-18 1 Peter 5:1-3	MARTYRDOM 1 Cor 13:3 Acts 7:54-60 Acts 12:1-5 Acts 8:1-4	GIVING Rom 12:8 2 Cor 8:1-7 2 Cor 9:2, 6-8	FAITH 1 Cor 12:9 Acts 27:21-25 Acts 11:22-24 Rom 4:18-21 Heb 11	TONGUES 1 Cor 12:10, 28 1 Cor 14:13-19 Acts 2:1-13 Acts 19:1-7 Acts 10:44-46
TEACHING 1 Cor 12:28 Rom 12:7 Eph 4:11-14 Acts 18:24-28 Acts 20:20-21	MISSIONARY 1 Cor 9:19-23 Acts 22:21 Acts 13:2, 3 Acts 8:4 Rom 10:15	HELPS 1 Cor 12:28 Rom 16:1-2 Acts 9:36	KNOWLEDGE 1 Cor 12:8 Acts 5:1-11 1 Cor 2:14 Col 2:2-3	INTERPRETATION 1 Cor 12:10, 30 1 Cor 14:13, 26-28
SERVICE Rom 12:7 Acts 6:1-7 2 Tim 1:16-18	EXHORTATION Rom 12:8 1 Tim 4:13 Heb 10:25 Acts 14:22	INTERCESSION James 5:14-16 1 Tim 2:1-2 Col 1:9-12	WISDOM 1 Cor 12:8 Acts 6:3, 10 2 Peter 3:15 1 Cor 2:1-13 James 1:5-6	PROPHECY 1 Cor. 12:10, 28 Rom 12:6 Eph 4:11 Acts 15:32 Acts 21:9-11 Luke 7:26

This chart is from a study I wrote in the 1980's. I've changed my opinion some since then, as you will see in this course.

Here is the list from <http://www.gotquestions.org/spiritual-gifts-list.html> :

Prophecy – The Greek word translated “prophesying” or “prophecy” means to “speak forth” or declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God which is designed to influence people. The idea of telling the future was added sometime in the Middle Ages and is in direct contradiction to other scriptural passages that condemn such fortune-telling or predicting the future (Acts 16:16-18).

Serving – Also referred to as “ministering,” the Greek word diakonian, from which we get the English “deacon,” means service of any kind, the broad application of practical help to those in need.

Teaching – This gift involves the analysis and proclamation of the Word of God, explaining the meaning, context and application to the hearer’s life. The gifted teacher is one who has the unique ability to clearly instruct and communicate knowledge, specifically the doctrines of the faith.

Encouraging – Also called “exhortation,” this gift is evident in those who consistently call upon others to heed and follow God’s truth, which may involve correction, strengthening those weak in faith, or comforting in trials.

Giving – Gifted givers are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time and attention. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money and time with them as needs arise.

Leadership – The gifted leader is one who rules, presides over or has the management of other people in the church. The word literally means “guide” and carries with it the idea of one who steers a ship. One with the gift of leadership rules with wisdom and grace and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in his life as he leads by example.

Mercy – Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity coupled with a desire and the resources to lessen their suffering in a kind and cheerful manner.

Word of wisdom – The fact that this gift is described as the “word” of wisdom indicates that it is one of the speaking gifts. This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way as to skillfully apply it to life situations with all discernment.

Word of knowledge – This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge understand the mysteries of God’s Word.

Faith – All believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith (Galatians 5:22-23). The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer to effect miracles.

Healing – Although God does still heal today, the ability of men to produce miraculous healings belonged to the apostles of the first century church to affirm that their message was from God. Christians today do not have the power to heal the sick or resurrect the dead. If they did, the hospitals and morgues would be full of these “gifted” people emptying beds and coffins everywhere.

Miraculous powers – Also known as the working of miracles, this is another temporary sign gift which involved performing supernatural events that could only be attributed to the power of God (Acts 2:22). This gift was exhibited by Paul (Acts 19:11-12), Peter (Acts 3:6), Stephen (Acts 6:8), and Phillip (Acts 8:6-7), among others.

Distinguishing (discerning) of spirits – Certain individuals possess the unique ability to determine the true message of God from that of the deceiver, Satan, whose methods include purveying deceptive and erroneous doctrine. Jesus said many would come in His name and would deceive many (Matthew 24:4-5), but the gift of discerning spirits is given to the Church to protect it from such as these.

Speaking in tongues – The gift of tongues is one of the temporary “sign gifts” given to the early Church to enable the gospel to be preached throughout the world to all nations and in all known languages. It involved the divine ability to speak in languages previously unknown to the speaker. This gift authenticated the message of the gospel and those who preached it as coming from God. The phrase “diversity of tongues” (KJV) or “different kinds of tongues” (NIV) effectively eliminates the idea of a “personal prayer language” as a spiritual gift.

Interpretation of tongues – A person with the gift of interpreting tongues could understand what a tongues-speaker was saying even though he did not know the language that was being spoken. The tongues interpreter would then communicate the message of the tongues speaker to everyone else, so all could understand.

Helps – Closely related to the gift of mercy is the gift of helps. Those with the gift of helps are those who can aid or render assistance to others in the church with compassion and grace. This has a broad range of possibilities for application. Most importantly, this is the unique ability to identify those who are struggling with doubt, fears, and other spiritual battles; to move toward those in spiritual need with a kind word, an understanding and compassionate demeanor; and to speak scriptural truth that is both convicting and loving.

Lesson 2 – **Receiving Spiritual Gifts** (Ephesians 4:1-16, Romans 12:1-10)

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] Ephesians 4:7 We have each been given grace according to the measure of what? _____

[2B] Ephesians 4:11-13 Why did He give some as apostle, some as prophets, etc.? _____

[2C] Romans 12:3 What enabled Paul to speak the truth? _____

[2D] Romans 12:3 Who allotted to each a measure of faith? _____

[2E] Romans 12:6 How do our gifts differ? _____

[2F] 1 Peter 4:10 What is the minimum number of spiritual gifts per believer? _____

[2G] 1st John 4:1-6 Is everything spiritual good? _____

[2H] 1st Thessalonians 5:21 What are we to examine carefully? _____

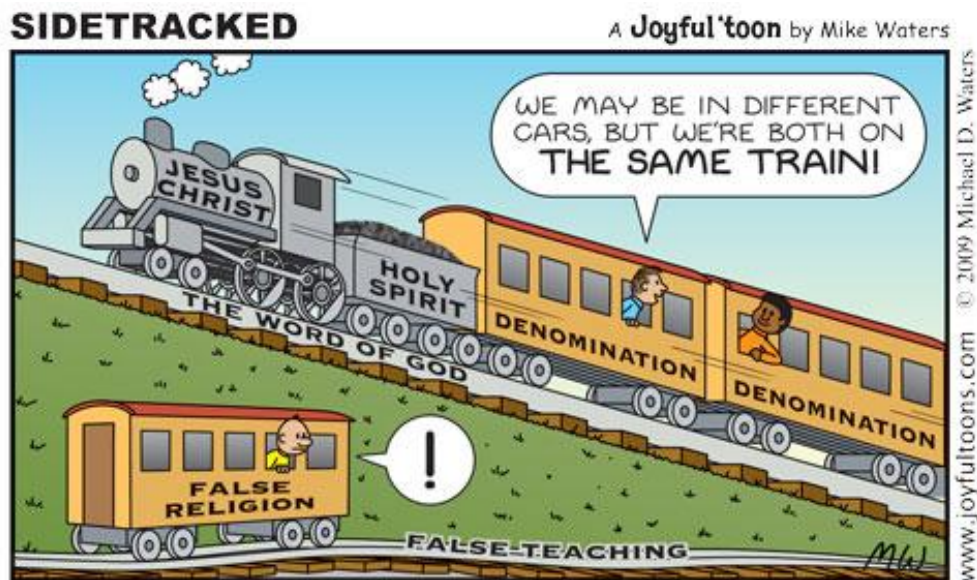
[2I] Matthew 7:16-20 How can we discern leaders that should be followed from those who should not be followed? _____

[2J] John 15:8 How is the Father glorified? _____

[2K] 1st Corinthians 12:11 Who distributes spiritual gifts? _____

[2L] Which are your gifts? How do you know? _____

Think & Pray _____



This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.
— 1 JOHN 4: 2-3 NIV

Lesson 2 – Receiving Spiritual Gifts

[2A] Ephesians 4:7 We have each been given grace according to the measure of what? Christ's gift

[2B] Ephesians 4:11-13 Why did He give some as apostle, some as prophets, etc.?

for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ

[2C] Romans 12:3 What enabled Paul to speak the truth? Grace given to him

[2D] Romans 12:3 Who allotted to each a measure of faith? God

[2E] Romans 12:6 How do our gifts differ? According to the grace given to us

[2F] 1 Peter 4:10 What is the minimum number of spiritual gifts per believer? All get at least one

[2G] 1st John 4:1-6 Is everything spiritual good? No. Satan is a spirit and is trying to deceive us.

[2H] 1st Thessalonians 5:21 What are we to examine carefully? Everything

[2I] Matthew 7:16-20 How can we discern leaders that should be followed from those who should not be followed? By their fruits

[2J] John 15:8 How is the Father glorified? If we bear much fruit, proving we are Jesus' disciples.

[2K] 1st Corinthians 12:11 Who distributes spiritual gifts? The same Spirit

[2L] I'm a teacher. I know this because when I try to do anything else, it doesn't work very well. I've been told that less stubborn people than me have easier ways to discover their gifts. Taking some of the numerous tests offered for free on the internet might help, but don't put too much stock in them. They were humanly prepared. I recommend seeking the counsel of wise and mature Christians who know you pretty well. Prayer always works.

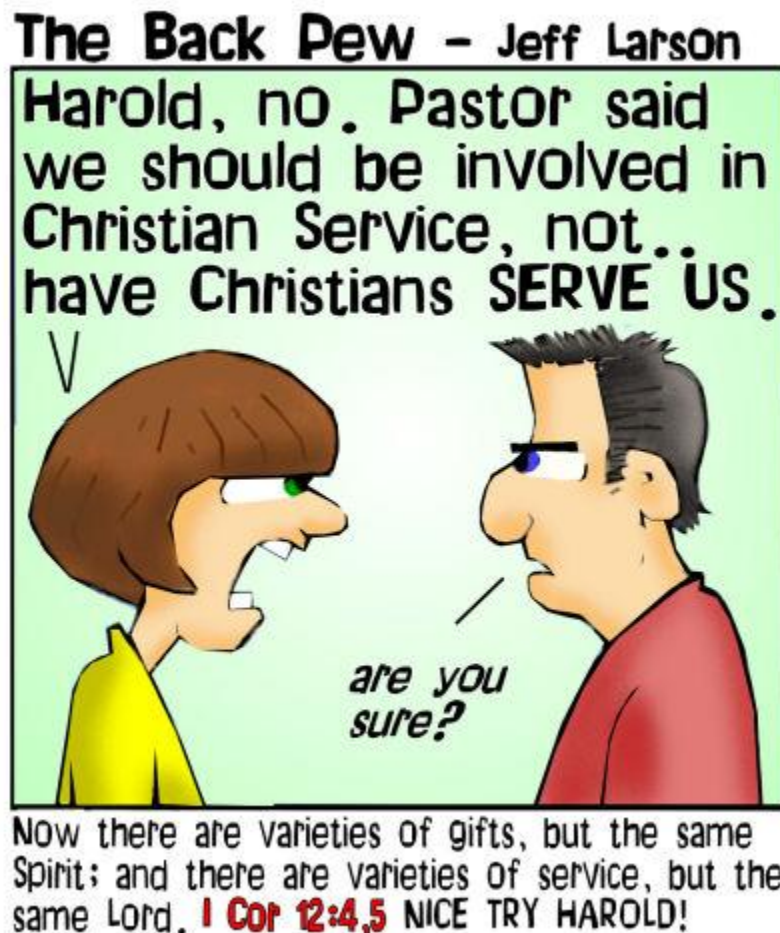
For further thought:

(2m) In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 it mentions "Spirit" (Holy Spirit) in verse 4, "Lord" (Jesus Christ) in verse 5, and "God" in verse 6. This seems to suggest that all three Persons of the Trinity are involved in the bestowing of Spiritual gifts. What do you think about this, and why?

(2n) Some see a difference between "natural" talents and spiritual gifts. What do you think and why?

(2o) What are the differences between the unity now (Ephesians 4:3-6) and unity yet to come (Ephesians 4:13-16).

(2p) How can you best discover your gifts?



Lesson 3 – Using Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:1-10, Ephesians 4:1-16)

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[3A] Romans 12:1-2 What are we to do with our bodies? _____

[3B] Romans 12:4 Do all have the same function? _____

Read Romans 12:6-9 and answer these five questions:

[3C] Prophets exercise prophecy according to what? _____

[3D] Givers should give how? _____

[3E] How should leaders lead? _____

[3F] The merciful should show mercy with what? _____

[3G] How is the gift of love to be shown? _____

[3H] Ephesians 4:1-3 We are to walk in a manner worth of what? _____

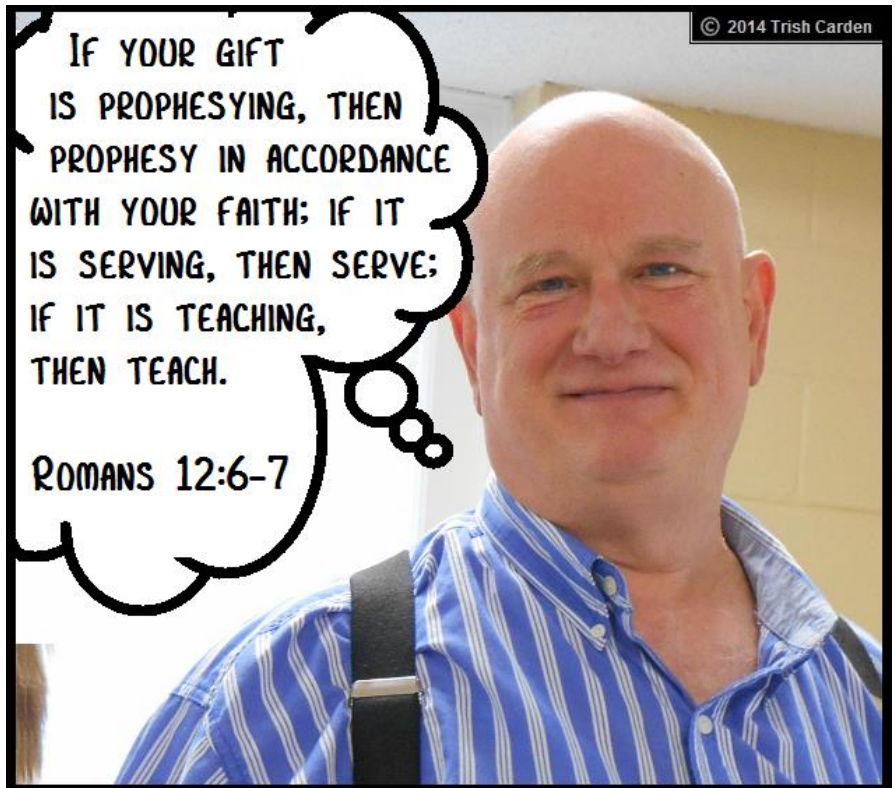
[3I] Ephesians 4:15-16 How are we to grow? _____

[3J] 1st Corinthians 12:7 Why is each one given a manifestation of the Spirit? _____

[3K] 1 Peter 4:10-11 Why are we to use our gifts to their fullest measure?

[3L] Some see spiritual gifts and roles differently. A role is a person the Spirit gives to the church as a whole. For example apostle is a role needed in the church and prophecy, administrations, and miracles would be typical spiritual gifts that someone would need to fulfill that role. What do you think and why?

Think & Pray



----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 3 – Using Spiritual Gifts

[3A] Romans 12:1-2 What are we to do with our bodies? Present them as a living and holy sacrifice

[3B] Romans 12:4 Do all have the same function? No

[3C] Prophets exercise prophecy according to what? The proportion of his faith Rom 12:6

[3D] Givers should give how? With liberality Rom 12:8

[3E] How should leaders lead? With diligence Rom 12:8

[3F] The merciful should show mercy with what? Cheerfulness Rom 12:8

[3G] How is the gift of love to be shown? Without Hypocrisy Rom 12:9

[3H] Ephesians 4:1-3 We are to walk in a manner worth of what? Our calling Eph 4:1

[3I] Ephesians 4:15-16 How are we to grow? Up in all aspect into Him who is the head, even Christ

[3J] 1st Corinthians 12:7 Why is each one given a manifestation of the Spirit? For the Common Good

[3K] 1 Peter 4:10-11 Why are we to use our gifts to their fullest measure?

So that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ

[3L] I think it is very likely that there is a distinction of this kind. It would be interesting at some point to write a course based on organizing the gifts around roles that we fill rather than around beneficiaries of the gifts, as this course is organized. For purposes of this course I do think we should keep in mind that we do fill roles in our family, in our church, in our community and in our jobs. As we study the spiritual gifts it will be useful for each of us to consider how each gift would apply to the various roles we fill.

For further thought:

(3m) Ephesians 4:1 implores us "to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with you have been called."
Are you? How do you know?

(3n) How do you use your gifts for the benefit of the God's kingdom?

(3o) How can you present your body as a living sacrifice as it says in Romans 12:1-2? How does this relate to using your gifts?

(3p) Romans 12:2 urges us to not be conformed to this world. What are some of the ways our culture tries to make us conform to their ways?

(3q) Of the five qualities listed in Ephesians 4:2 which ones are you using now and which are yet in your future?

(3r) Colossians 3:17 and 23 have some specific advice on how we should conduct ourselves. Is Paul talking about spiritual gifts or something else? How do you know?



Lesson 4 – Gifts for the Church

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

ADMINISTRATION

[4A] Acts 6:1-7 Who figured out how to solve the churches procedure problem? _____

[4B] Luke 14:28-30 How should a complex project start? _____

[4C] Acts 15:7-11 Who stood up and summarized the problem in the form of a question? _____

LEADERSHIP

[4D] 1 Timothy 5:17 Who are considered worthy of double honor? _____

[4E] Hebrews 13:17 Who are we to obey? _____

[4F] Romans 12:8 How are leaders to lead? _____

PASTOR

[4G] Hebrews 13:17 Why are we to obey our leaders? _____

[4H] 1 Peter 5:1-3 How are elders to shepherd the flock of God? _____

[4I] Acts 20:28 Who selects the overseers to shepherd the church of God? _____

PROPHECY

[4J] Acts 15:32 What were Judas (not Iscariot) and Silas? _____

[4K] Luke 7:26 What did Jesus call John the Baptist? _____

[4L] 1 Corinthians 14:3 One who prophesies speaks to accomplish what? _____

TEACHING

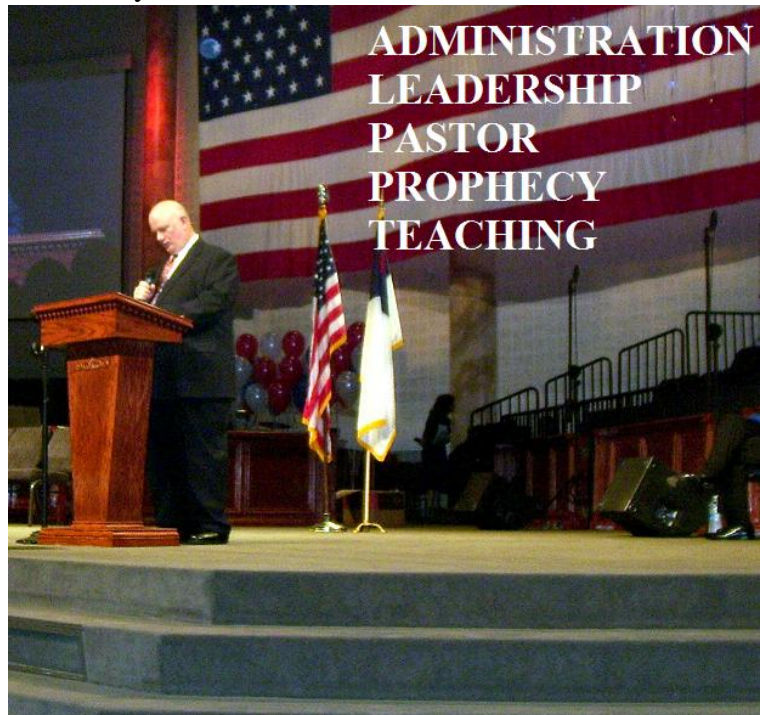
[4M] Acts 18:24-28 Who taught the teacher? _____

[4N] Acts 20:20-21 How did Paul teach in Ephesus? _____

[4O] Hebrews 5:12-14 What should the readers be by now? _____

[4P] Pick one of the gifts above and describe what someone does who has this gift to help the church.

Think & Pray



----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 4 – Gifts for the Church

ADMINISTRATION

- [4A] Acts 6:1-7 Who figured out how to solve the churches procedure problem? The twelve Ac 6:2-3
[4B] Luke 14:28-30 How should a complex project start? With a plan
[4C] Acts 15:7-11 Who stood up and summarized the problem in the form of a question? Paul

LEADERSHIP

- [4D] 1 Timothy 5:17 Who are considered worthy of double honor? Elders who rule well
[4E] Hebrews 13:17 Who are we to obey? Our leaders
[4F] Romans 12:8 How are leaders to lead? With diligence

PASTOR (See also Jeremiah 3:15)

- [4G] Hebrews 13:17 Why are we to obey our leaders? Because they keep watch over our souls
[4H] 1 Peter 5:1-3 How are elders to shepherd the flock of God? Voluntarily, eagerly, and by example
[4I] Acts 20:28 Who selects the overseers to shepherd the church of God? The Holy Spirit

PROPHECY

- [4J] Acts 15:32 What were Judas (not Iscariot) and Silas? Prophets
[4K] Luke 7:26 What did Jesus call John the Baptist? Prophet
[4L] 1 Corinthians 14:3 One who prophesies speaks to accomplish what? Edify, exhort and console

TEACHING

- [4M] Acts 18:24-28 Who taught the teacher? Priscilla and Aquila taught Apollos
[4N] Acts 20:20-21 How did Paul teach in Ephesus? Publically from house to house
[4O] Hebrews 5:12-14 What should the readers be by now? Teachers

[4P] Pick one of the gifts above and describe what someone who has this gift does to help the church.

Administrators make plans and develop strategy to assist the church to become more effective and efficient. They create order out of chaos. They work on multiple projects simultaneously.

Leaders help the church to identify goals that support God's purpose and communicate these goals to people in such a way that they get voluntary cooperation in meeting these goals.

Pastors take responsibility for a group of believers and make available to them directly or through others spiritual care, protection and sound Bible teaching.

Prophets proclaim God's truth boldly and fearlessly; strengthening, comforting, and encouraging their fellowship of believers.

Teachers explain God's word with clarity encouraging their fellowship to learn and grow spiritually.

For further thought:

(4q) Why did you pick the gift you did for question 4P?

(4q) Some add "music" as one of the spiritual gifts supporting the church. Do you agree? Why?
(See 1 Samuel 16:14-23, 1 Cor 14:26, Psalm 33:1-3, 96:1-2, 100:1-2, 149:3, 150:1-6, Col 3:16, 2 Chron 5:12-13, 2 Sam 6:14-15)
Is *musician* a spiritual gift or a natural talent?

(4r) Some add "writing" as one of the spiritual gifts supporting the church. Do you agree? Why?
(See Luke 1:1-3, 1 John 2:1, 12-14, 1 Tim 3:14-15, Jude 1:3)
Is *writing* a spiritual gift or an intellectual attainment reached by being trained?

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Lesson 5 – Gifts for Reaching the Lost

APOSTLE (See also Acts 2:42-44, Ephesians 3:1-9)

[5A] Romans 16:7 Andronicus and Junias do not appear in Matthew 10:1-8 but Paul calls them what? Apostles

[5B] Acts 14:14 What does the writer call Baranbas and Paul? Apostles

[5C] 2 Corinthians 12:2 What are the signs of a true apostle? Wonders and miracles

EVANGELIST (See also 2 Timothy 4:5, Acts 14:21)

[5D] Acts 8:5-6 What did Philip do in the city of Samaria? Proclaimed Christ

[5E] Acts 8:26-28 Who told Philip to go to the south road? An angel

[5F] Acts 8:29-33 Who told Philip to join the chariot? The Spirit

[5G] Acts 8:34-40 Who told the eunuch the gospel of Jesus Christ? Philip

[5H] Acts 21:8 What was Philip? An evangelist

MISSIONARY (See also 1 Cor 9:19-23; Acts 8:4; Eph 3:6-8; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8)

[5I] Acts 22:21 Who sent who to whom at what distance? The Lord sent Paul to the Gentiles far away

[5J] Acts 13:2 Who selected Saul and Barnabas? The Holy Spirit

[5K] Acts 13:3 Who sent Saul and Barnabas? Simeon Niger, Lucius Cyrene and Manaen

[5L] Romans 10:15 Who has beautiful feet? Those who bring good news

[5M] Pick one of the gifts above and describe what someone who has this gift does to reach the lost.

Apostles are church planters and overseers of several new churches as the congregations of the recently lost develop their own mature Christian leadership.

Evangelists seek opportunities to share the gospel with the lost and proclaim Jesus Christ with convincing conviction.

Missionaries are sent from one culture to another to establish new ministries by showing those in the new culture how the Word of God applies to everyone. They adapt themselves to the new culture so they can be examples to the lost they are trying to reach.

For further thought:

(5n) According to Matthew 28:16-20 who is responsible for reaching the lost?

(5o) If you know someone with one of these gifts describe him or her, not by name or physical characteristic, but by talking about behavior and fruit.

(5p) Some suggest that *martyrdom* is a special spiritual gift that God sometimes uses to reach the lost. (See Acts 7:54-60; Acts 12:1-5; Acts 8:1-4; 1 Cor 13:1-3)
What do you think and why?

(5q) Some see *exhortation* and *encouragement* as separate gifts or one combined gift. Others see them/it as simply an attribute of certain other gifts such as prophet or apostle. (See 1 Tim 4:13, 5:1-2; Heb 3:13, 10:25, 13:22; Acts 14:22; Titus 1:9; Acts 11:23-24; 1 Thess 2:11-12; 1 Thess 5:9-11, 14)
What do you think and why?

Lesson 6 – Gifts for Our Community

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

GIVER

[6A] 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 The poverty of the Macedonians overflowed into what?

[6B] 2 Corinthians 9:7 What kind of giver does God love? _____

[6C] Mark 12:41-44 Of the two, who gave the most? _____

[6D] Matthew 6:3-4 Giving in secret is noticed and rewarded by Who? _____



HELPER (AKA Helps, Servant, Service)

[6E] Romans 16:1-2 Who was Phoebe? _____

[6F] Act 9:36 How often did Tabitha do deeds of kindness? _____

[6G] Galatians 6:2 How do we fulfill the law of Christ? _____

[6H] 1 Peter 4:11 Where do servant get their strength? _____

[6I] Luke 22:24-27 Who is the greatest? _____

[6J] John 13:14 Who washed the disciples feet? _____

[6K] Acts 6:1-7 What attributes should we look for in selecting people for service?

HOSPITALITY

[6L] Hebrews 13:1-2 To whom should we show hospitality? Strangers

[6M] Romans 16:23 Who did Gaius host? Paul and the whole church

[6N] 1 Peter 4:9-10 How are we to be hospitable? Without complaint

[6O] Pick one of the gifts above and describe what someone does who has this gift.

Think & Pray _____

----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 6 – Gifts for Our Community

GIVER (Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9)

[6A] 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 The poverty of the Macedonians overflowed into what?

A wealth of liberality

[6B] 2 Corinthians 9:7 What kind of giver does God love? A cheerful giver

[6C] Mark 12:41-44 Of the two, who gave the most? The poor widow

[6D] Matthew 6:3-4 Giving in secret is noticed and rewarded by Who? The father

HELPER (AKA Helps, Servant, Service)

[6E] Romans 16:1-2 Who was Phoebe? Servant of the church and helper of many

[6F] Act 9:36 How often did Tabitha do deeds of kindness? Continually

[6G] Galatians 6:2 How do we fulfill the law of Christ? Bear one another's burdens

[6H] 1 Peter 4:11 Where do servant get their strength? God supplies it

[6I] Luke 22:24-27 Who is the greatest? The young servant

[6J] John 13:14 Who washed the disciples feet? The Lord Jesus (Teaching by example)

[6K] Acts 6:1-7 What attributes should we look for in selecting people for service?

Good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom. Acts 6:3

HOSPITALITY (See also Matthew 8:14-15, Acts 16:15, Luke 10:38, 2 Timothy 1:16-18)

[6L] Hebrews 13:1-2 To whom should we show hospitality? Strangers

[6M] Romans 16:23 Who did Gaius host? Paul and the whole church

[6N] 1 Peter 4:9-10 How are we to be hospitable? Without complaint

[6O] Pick one of the gifts above and describe what someone does who has this gift.

Givers live frugally but give generously. They support the church and the community sacrificially and cheerfully, without seeking honor or return.

Helpers serve and support the work of the church and community projects with their time and effort.

Those with the gift of *hospitality* welcome newcomers in the church or the community, open their homes to Christian fellowship, social activities, and/or those in need.

For further thought:

(6p) Some would add *mercy* as a spiritual gift. This is based mostly on Romans 12:8. (See also Acts 16:33-34; Luke 10:33-35; Mark 9:41; Luke 7:12-15; Matt 20:29-34; Matt 25:34-40; and Matt 5:7) What do you think and why?

(6q) *Patience* or *perseverance* is found in or near the lists of other spiritual gifts in Ephesians 4:2 and Romans 12:12. Should it be considered a spiritual gift? Why or why not?

(6r) Some would add the fruit of the spirit as gifts of the spirit. See Galatians 5:22-23. Do you agree? Why or why not?

(6s) See Ex 28:3-4; Ex 31:1-11; and Ex 35:30-35. Are specific crafts and skills spiritual gifts?

Lesson 7 – Gifts for Our Spiritual Growth

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

KNOWLEDGE

[7A] 1 Corinthians 2:14 What is foolishness to the natural man? _____

[7B] 2 Corinthians 11:6 Paul had no doubts about his what? _____

[7C] Daniel 2:20-21 What does God give to men of understanding? _____

[7D] Proverbs 2:6 What comes from the mouth of God? _____

WISDOM

[7E] James 1:5-6 What are we to do if we lack wisdom? _____

[7F] 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Paul spoke wisdom from where? _____

[7G] 2 Peter 3:15 Who gave Paul wisdom? _____

[7H] James 3:13-18 What is the difference between Godly wisdom and worldly shrewdness? _____

FAITH

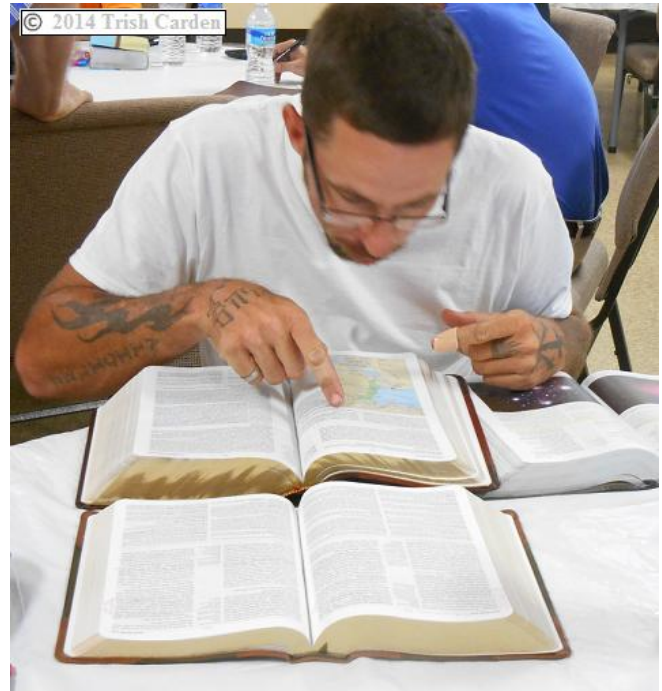
[7I] Acts 11:22-24 What was Barnabas full of? _____

[7J] Ephesians 2:8-9 What is a gift of God? _____

[7K] Mark 5:25-34 What healed the woman? _____

[7L] Pick one of the gifts above and describe it in some detail.

Think & Pray _____



**God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.
Daniel 1:17**

----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 7 – Gifts for Our Spiritual Growth

KNOWLEDGE (See also Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 119.66)

[7A] 1 Corinthians 2:14 What is foolishness to the natural man? The things of the Spirit of God

[7B] 2 Corinthians 11:6 Paul had no doubts about his what? Knowledge

[7C] Daniel 2:20-21 What does God give to men of understanding? Knowledge

[7D] Proverbs 2:6 What comes from the mouth of God? Knowledge and understanding

WISDOM (See also 2 Chronicles 1:7-12)

[7E] James 1:5-6 What are we to do if we lack wisdom? Ask God in faith without doubting

[7F] 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Paul spoke wisdom from where? Revealed through the Spirit 1Cor 2"10

[7G] 2 Peter 3:15 Who gave Paul wisdom? Doesn't say, but Who else besides God?

[7H] James 3:13-18 What is the difference between Godly wisdom and worldly shrewdness?

The motives and the fruit

FAITH (See also Hebrews 11:1-40)

[7I] Acts 11:22-24 What was Barnabas full of? the Holy Spirit and faith

[7J] Ephesians 2:8-9 What is a gift of God? Saving faith

[7K] Mark 5:25-34 What healed the woman? Her faith

[7L] Pick one of the gifts above and describe it in some detail.

Knowledge is being aware of facts. Everyone with a functioning brain has knowledge. There are examples in scripture of people knowing things that could only be known if God revealed them. It seems to me that it is also evidence of this spiritual gift when God brings to your mind certain truths that pertain to a situation, relationship or circumstance at just the right moment to be useful.

Wisdom is understanding a complex situation or relationship so that you are able to make good decisions about it. At what point wisdom becomes spiritual and miraculous is not always clear, but if you keep your motives pure and your goals Godly, you are much more likely to be able to experience and use this gift.

Saving *faith* is trusting God to keep His promise of salvation. It is always a spiritual gift, but it seems that some people have more belief in God than others, trusting Him for much more than just salvation, and this spiritual gift enables them to have the courage to do things that most of us will not do.

For further thought:

(7m) In Acts 5:1-11 how did Peter know what had happened and what was going to happen?

(7n) What is Colossians 2:2-3 talking about?

(7o) Is Acts 27:1-44 an example of faith, wisdom, knowledge and/or some other spiritual gifts?

(7p) *Hope* and *humility* appear near the lists of gifts in Ephesians 4:2-4 and Romans 12:10-12. (In Romans humility is described rather than named – "give preference.) Are they spiritual gifts or just adjectives and behavior associated with spiritual gifts? How do you know?

(7q) Some would have *voluntary poverty* as a spiritual gift. See 1 Cor 13:1-3; 2 Cor 8:9; Act 2:44-45; and Acts 4:32-35 Do you agree? Why or why not?

(7r) Some would have *celibacy* as a spiritual gift. See 1 Cor 7:1-9; Mat 19:10-12; and 1 Cor 7:32-35) Do you agree? Why or why not?

Lesson 8 – Miraculous Gifts

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

[8A] 1 John 4:1-6 How can we know a spirit is from God? _____

[8B] 1 Kings 3:9 Solomon asked to be able to discern between what two things? _____

[8C] Hebrews 5:14 How does a mature Christian learn to discern good and evil? _____

HEALING

[8D] Acts 3:1-10 What did the man say after he was healed? _____

[8E] Acts 5:12-16 How many were being healed? _____

[8F] Luke 9:1-2 Where did the apostles receive the power to heal diseases? _____

MIRACLES

[8G] Hebrews 2:1-4 How was the testimony of the Lord's witnesses confirmed?

[8H] Romans 15:17-19 Who does Paul credit for the signs and wonders he performed? _____

[8I] Acts 19:11-12 What was done by the hands of Paul? _____

TONGUES

[8J] Acts 2:3-4 How did they speak with other tongues? _____

[8K] Acts 19:1-7 When did they start speaking in tongues? _____

[8L] Mark 16:17 What kind of tongues will believers speak with? _____

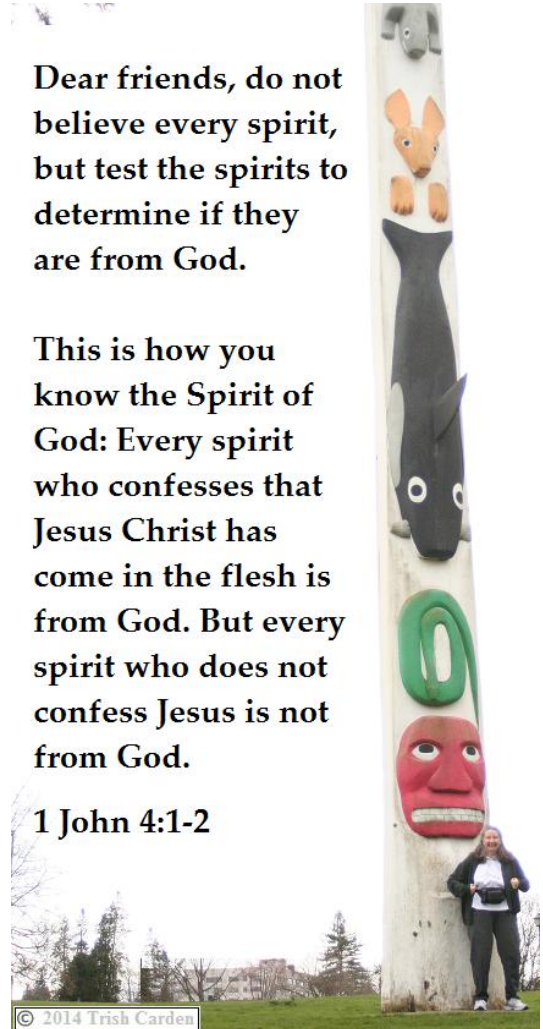
[8M] Have you ever experienced a miracle? If so, please describe it? If not, do you believe they are possible today or only in Biblical times? Why?

Think & Pray _____

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to determine if they are from God.

This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. But every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God.

1 John 4:1-2



----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 8 – Miraculous Gifts

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS (See also 1 Cor 2:9-16)

[8A] 1 John 4:1-6 How can we know the spirit from God?

If they confess Jesus Christ came in the flesh

[8B] 1 Kings 3:9 Solomon asked to be able to discern between what two things? Good and evil

[8C] Hebrews 5:14 How does a mature Christian learn to discern good and evil? Practice

HEALING (See also Acts 9:32-35, Acts 14:8-10, James 5:14-16)

[8D] Acts 3:1-10 What did the man say after he was healed? He praised God Ac 3:8

[8E] Acts 5:12-16 How many were being healed? All Act 5:16

[8F] Luke 9:1-2 Where did the apostles receive the power to heal diseases? Jesus

MIRACLES (See also Mark 16:17-18, Acts 8:13, Acts 9:36-42)

[8G] Hebrews 2:1-4 How was the testimony of the Lord's witnesses confirmed?

Signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit

[8H] Romans 15:17-19 Who does Paul credit for the signs and wonders he performed?

Christ in the power of the Spirit

[8I] Acts 19:11-12 What was done by the hands of Paul? Extraordinary miracles (Is there any other kind?)

TONGUES (See also Acts 10:44-46, Romans 8:26-27)

[8J] Acts 2:3-4 How did they speak with other tongues? The Spirit gave them utterance

[8K] Acts 19:1-7 When did they start speaking in tongues? When Paul laid hands on them

[8L] Mark 16:17 What kind of tongues will believers speak with? New tongues

[8M] The medical people discovered a shadow on my lung. They weren't sure what it was so they kept an eye on it. It started growing so they scheduled me for more intensive diagnosis. We prayed earnestly. When I went in for the more complete testing all they found was old scar tissue. So, yes, I believe miracles are still possible today. I have experienced many miracles, but this one is the most obvious. Most of the rest have to do with the unusual timing of normal events that defy probability or changes in people's hearts and attitudes that seemed impossible before they occurred.

For further thought:

(8n) In Acts 2:1-13 it sounds like the miracle is not that they were speaking any many languages, but that people heard them each in their own native language. Do you agree? Why or why not?

(8o) Acts 2:3 mentions "tongues" and Acts 2:4 mentions "tongues." Does "tongues" mean the same thing in both verses? How do you know?

(8p) Read Acts 16:16-18. Does this mean that people can have spiritual abilities that are in the service of Satan? What is this passage talking about?

(8q) In 2 Chronicles 2:12 is what Hiram said an accurate description of a gift from God or flattery.

(8r) James 5:14-16 seems to suggest we all have the gift of healing if we confess our sins and believe. How do you interpret this passage?

(8s) Does Mark 16:17-18 mean *all* believers or *some* believers? How do you know?

(8t) In Acts 20:9-12 is this a miraculous resurrection or just an accidental resuscitation? Why?

(8u) What does Colossians 2:8 mean?

Lesson 9 – A Still More Excellent Way (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[9A] 1 Corinthians 12:31 Paul is going to show us a more excellent way than what? _____

[9B] 1 Corinthians 13:1 Love is better than what spiritual gift? _____

[9C] 1 Corinthians 13:2 Love is better than what spiritual gifts? _____

[9D] 1 Corinthians 13:3 Love is better than what spiritual gifts? _____

[9E] 1 Corinthians 13:8 Love will last longer than what spiritual gifts? _____

[9F] 1 Corinthians 13:13 Of faith, hope and love which is greatest? _____

[9G] Romans 12:9 What is love to be without? _____

[9H] Romans 12:10 We are to be devoted to each other in what? _____

[9I] Colossians 3:14 What is the perfect bond of unity? _____

[9J] Romans 8:38-39 What can separate us from the love of God? _____

[9K] 2 Thessalonians 3:5 Paul prays that the Lord direct our hearts into what? _____

[9L] 1 John 4:9 How do we demonstrate the love of God? _____

[9M] Do you think love is a gift of the Spirit? Why or why not?

Think & Pray _____



If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. — 1 CORINTHIANS 13:2-3 NIV

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Lesson 9 – A Still More Excellent Way

- [9A] 1 Corinthians 12:31 Paul is going to show us a more excellent way than what? The greater gifts
[9B] 1 Corinthians 13:1 Love is better than what spiritual gift? Speaking in tongues
[9C] 1 Corinthians 13:2 Love is better than what spiritual gifts? Prophecy, knowledge & faith
[9D] 1 Corinthians 13:3 Love is better than what spiritual gifts? Voluntary poverty & martyrdom
[9E] 1 Corinthians 13:8 Love will last longer than what spiritual gifts? Prophecy, tongues & knowledge
[9F] 1 Corinthians 13:13 Of faith, hope and love which is greatest? Love
[9G] Romans 12:9 What is love to be without? Hypocrisy
[9H] Romans 12:10 We are to be devoted to each other in what? Brotherly love
[9I] Colossians 3:14 What is the perfect bond of unity? Love
[9J] Romans 8:38-39 What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing
[9K] 2 Thessalonians 3:5 Paul prays that the Lord direct our hearts into what? The love of God
[9L] 1 John 4:9 How do we demonstrate the love of God? Keep His commandments

[9M] I think love is a gift of the Spirit. I think this because it appears in a list of gifts of the spirit in Romans 12:6-13. I also examine my own heart and know the only love I have is what He gave me. I think it is a gift that ever believer receives, (Romans 5:5) and that we can make it grow by choice. All we have to do is practice. The more we love, the more we will be able to love. (1 John 2:4-11) It is an upward cycle that will carry us to heaven as surely as Jacob's ladder.

For further thought:

- (9n) Ephesians 4:1-16 uses the phrase "in love" three times – Eph 4:2, 4:15 & 4:16. In this passage, does "in love" always mean the same thing or not? How do you know?
- (9o) Paul said love is the greatest in 1 Corinthians 13:13. Why is it the greatest?
- (9p) Compare John 3:16 and John 3:19. What is the difference between God's love and man's love?
- (9q) Jude 1:21 instructs us to keep ourselves in the love of God. How do we do that?
- (9r) 2 Corinthians 13:14 mentions all three Persons of the Trinity with the terms grace, love and fellowship. Which attribute comes from which Person? Is this significant? How do you know?
- (9s) Some would add *intercessory prayer* as a spiritual gift. See Romans 12:12; James 5:14-16; 1 Tim 2:1-2; Col 1:9-12; Romans 8:26-27; Eph 6:18; 1 Kings 13:6; Luke 11:1-10; Matt 6:6-15; Mark 11:22-24; Col 4:12-13; 1 Thess 3:10
What do you think and why?
- (9t) Compare 1 John 4:7-8 with 1 John 4:16. What are they talking about?

Lesson 10 – In an Orderly Manner (1 Corinthians 14:1-40)

Read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[10A] 1 Corinthians 14:1 We are to pursue love and earnestly desire what? _____

[10B] 1 Corinthians 14:2-4 Why is prophecy preferable to tongues? _____

[10C] 1 Corinthians 14:5 What brings tongues up to the level of prophecy? _____

[10D] 1 Corinthians 14:6-9 What happens if the bugle makes an indistinct sound? _____

[10E] 1 Corinthians 14:10-11 How many languages have no meaning? _____

[10F] 1 Corinthians 14:12 Those who want spiritual gifts should have what goal? _____

[10G] 1 Corinthians 14:13 How does someone speaking in tongues come to interpret? _____

[10H] 1 Corinthians 14:14-19 What is better than 10,000 words in a unknown tongue? _____

[10I] 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 What results in an unbeliever being convicted? _____

[10J] 1 Corinthians 14:26-32 God is not a God of confusion, but of what? _____

[10K] 1 Corinthians 14:39 Prophecy is preferred but what is not forbidden? _____

[10L] 1 Corinthians 14:40 How must all things be done? _____

[10M] What is 1st Corinthians 14 about? Is it just a comparison between prophecy and tongues?

Think & Pray _____



Lesson 10 – In an Orderly Manner

- [10A] 1 Corinthians 14:1 We are to pursue love and earnestly desire what? Spiritual gifts
- [10B] 1 Corinthians 14:2-4 Why is prophecy preferable to tongues? Prophecy edifies the church
- [10C] 1 Corinthians 14:5 What brings tongues up to the level of prophecy? Interpretation
- [10D] 1 Corinthians 14:6-9 What happens if the bugle makes an indistinct sound? Nothing
- [10E] 1 Corinthians 14:10-11 How many languages have no meaning? None
- [10F] 1 Corinthians 14:12 Those who want spiritual gifts should have what goal? Edifying the Church
- [10G] 1 Corinthians 14:13 How does someone speaking in tongues come to interpret? Prayer
- [10H] 1 Corinthians 14:14-19 What is better than 10,000 words in a unknown tongue?
Five meaningful words
- [10I] 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 What results in an unbeliever being convicted? Prophecy
- [10J] 1 Corinthians 14:26-32 God is not a God of confusion, but of what? Peace
- [10K] 1 Corinthians 14:39 Prophecy is preferred but what is not forbidden? Speaking in tongues
- [10L] 1 Corinthians 14:40 How must all things be done? In an orderly manner

[10M] In my opinion Chapter 14 of First Corinthians is about all the spiritual gifts, not just two. I believe Paul is using a contrast between the spiritual gifts of tongues and prophecy to emphasize the point he just made in Chapter 13. Yes, by all means seek all the spiritual gifts you have the maturity to handle, but your goal should be loving the fellowship of believers, loving your neighbors, and loving God. He goes on to say there is nothing wrong with wanting to have spiritual gifts for your own private worship time with God, but not to the neglect of the church as a whole.

For further thought:

- (10n) How does your church handle spiritual gifts? What could be done different to encourage more discovery and use of spiritual gifts?
- (10o) What does 1 Corinthians 14:36 mean?
- (10p) What is 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 talking about?
- (10q) If someone was to ask you what this course was about, how would you explain it?
- (10r) Which point in this course do you most hope you will remember? Why?
- (10s) Which verse covered in this course would you like to commit to memory? Why?
- (10t) How would you explain the gifts of the Spirit to an unbeliever?

