Kingdom Manifestations

Unit 2: Discovering My Spiritual Gifts Lesson 12: The Source and Distribution of Spiritual Gifts

Key So	criptures: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11						
Objective: To understand where spiritual gifts come from, how they are distributed, and the purpose they serve in the body of Christ.							
Introd	uction						
body o	al gifts are divine enablements given by God to His people for the purpose of building up the f Christ and advancing His kingdom. As believers, we are not merely called to receive these at to understand their source, their purpose, and how they are distributed among us.						
grace a how th yet div	study, we will explore the biblical foundation of spiritual gifts, examining their origin in God's and their distribution according to His sovereign will. We will reflect on passages that reveal the Holy Spirit equips each believer uniquely, ensuring that the Church functions as a unified erse body. By grasping the significance of spiritual gifts, we will be encouraged to use them wely and faithfully for the glory of God and the benefit of others.						
I. The	Source of Spiritual Gifts						
1.	1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV). 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.						
	• The triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is at the heart of spiritual gifts. The Spirit the gifts (v.4), the Lord Jesus their operation (v.6).						
2.	Romans 12:6 (NLT). In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.						
	• The Greek word for "gifts" is charismata, derived from charis, meaning grace. This shows that spiritual gifts are not; they are grace-given by God according to His						

II. The Distribution of Spiritual Gifts

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1 Corinthians 12:11 (NLT). It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

•	All spiritual gifts are empowered by the Holy Spirit. The gifts don't operate by strength but by divine enablement.
•	The same Spirit gives all the gifts. There is unity in the, even though the gifts are
•	The Spirit distributes gifts individually. Each believer receives gifts, not generically.
•	Distribution is according to the Spirit's will. The Spirit chooses who gets what gift, based on His divine purpose and wisdom. This divine distribution is intentional and purposeful, not
2. Ev	ery Believer Has at Least One Gift
	er 4:10 (KJV). As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to er, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
•	No one is excluded. Every believer has been given at leastspiritual gift.
•	Spiritual gifts are not meant to be hoarded or used for self-glorification. They are given to be actively utilized for the benefit of and the glory of
•	The purpose of our gifts is to bless, help, and build up
•	God entrusts us with His gifts, calling us to stewardship. We are responsible for using them wisely to fulfill purposes.

Romans 12:4–5 (KJV). ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵ So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

- The Body Metaphor. Paul uses the human body as an illustration for the Church.
- Many Members. Just as the body has many parts, the Church is made up of many individuals.
- Different Functions. Each member has a unique role; not all do the same thing.
- Unity in Christ. Though we are many, we are united as one body in Christ.
- Interdependence. Each believer is connected to and belongs to the others; we are members of one another.

III. The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

1. To Edify the Church

1 Corinthians 14:12 (KJV). Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

- Eagerness for Spiritual Gifts. The ______ believers were passionate about experiencing and expressing the gifts of the Spirit.
- Right Motivation Matters. It's not enough to simply ______ spiritual gifts; the motivation behind them is crucial.
- Purpose of the Gifts. The goal should be edification, or building up, of the church—not
 ______ elevation or spectacle.
- Call to Action. Paul encourages believers to strive (make intentional effort) to use their gifts in ways that ______ the whole body of Christ.

2. To Glorify God

1 Peter 4:11 (KJV). If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- Use your gift responsibly: Those who speak should speak as if speaking the very words (oracles) of ______. Those who serve should do so with God's strength, not their _____.
- God is the source of ability: All service and ministry must be done through the strength that God supplies, not human ______ alone.
- The ultimate purpose of spiritual gifts is God's glory: Everything should be done so that God may be ______ through Jesus Christ.

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IV. Practical Application: Discover, Develop, Deploy

- Discover Your Gift(s): Take time to pray and study passages like Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. Consider asking others in your faith community what gifts they see in you.
- Develop Your Gift(s): Gifts grow through use. Look for opportunities to serve and ask God to cultivate maturity in your gifting.
- Deploy Your Gift(s): Use your gifts in love (1 Corinthians 13). Be willing to be stretched and led by the Spirit.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does understanding the source of spiritual gifts shape your view of them?
- 2. Why is it important to recognize that the Holy Spirit distributes gifts as He wills?
- 3. What might be the danger of comparing spiritual gifts with others?

Memory Verse

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10 (KJV)

Takeaway Thought

Spiritual gifts are not rewards for effort or signs of spiritual superiority—they are grace-filled tools given by God for His glory and the good of His people. When we recognize the Holy Spirit as the source and trust His wisdom in how He distributes these gifts, we are freed from comparison, pride, and insecurity. Instead, we become faithful stewards of God's varied grace, working together in unity to build up the body of Christ. Whether speaking, serving, leading, or encouraging, let us use our gifts in love and in His strength, so that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.