

YOUR SOURCE OF POWER

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I have a confession to make. I am charismatic, but so are you. The Greek word for spiritual gifts is charismata. I Corinthians 12 is about teamwork. “Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uniformed (12:1).” The church in Corinth thought they knew it all. Are you open to learn?

1. What are spiritual gifts or charismata?

- Charis means grace. Charismata are gifts of grace. So what?
- Spiritual gifts are given so you can serve in unity and love. Teamwork.
- Not everyone has the same gift. “There are different kinds (or varieties) of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them (12:4).” Variety is good.
- Your service to God helps build up or edify the church. Teamwork. 12:7
- Spiritual gifts are empowered by God. 12:6 Literally energized.

2. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? Why does God give them to us?

- Spiritual gifts are given to meet needs in love. I Cor. 13:1-3 Teamwork.
- Think how differently you look at a problem based on your giftedness. A person with the gift of mercy vs a teacher. **What is God calling me to do in love?**
- Spiritual gifts are given to “**help, heal, encourage and strengthen.**” W. Robert Willoughby.
- Your source of power is the Lord who created the universe. Phil. 4:13
- Will you commit yourself to serve God and his church in unity & in love?