

The Fruitful Pattern of Service: Using Our Gifts

1 Corinthians 12 & 13

Jesus calls us to follow him. He humbled himself and sacrificially served us so that we can have new life with Him. This reality empowers us with such zeal as we cheerfully follow Christ by lovingly help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

John 13:12-17

1. United: Different Kinds of Gifts Given by the Spirit. Vs. 4-7, 11

It is not by merit but by grace that the different gifts are determined and freely given by the Holy Spirit in who receives what gifts. Each follower of Christ has received at least one gift.

2. Needed: Being Interdependent vs. 15-20

Just like a body with many body parts cannot operate independently from each other, a believer cannot operate independently from the body of Christ. We need each other's gifts and abilities for the body of Christ to truly function the way God call's us to serve.

3. Important: Each Gift Equally Important vs. 21-27

Division within the church can happen when elevating certain gifts over another. However, the church should have equal concern for each other. We are to preserve equality, and remember that each gift is important, as the Holy Spirit has given them for Father God's good and important purpose.

4. Foundational: Without Love the Gifts are Worthless 12:31b-13:6

Love is what God has shown and done for us in our helpless state as sinners. The loving response toward our God is to love one another; honour him in sharing His outlook and implementing how God calls us to use our gifts.

Spiritual Gift Test

To help you discover your unique spiritual gifts, we are using the online Spiritual Gifts assessment from Churchgrowth.org.



- Answer the questions in the survey.
- You will need to create an individual login/password to get your results.
- At the end of the survey select 'send copy' and send it to ehbc@rogers.com or print one and give it to Linda.