

1 Corinthians

Chapter 12:1-31

In chapters 12-14, Paul turns his attention to the abuse of spiritual gifts. Specifically, he addresses the inappropriate estimation of the gifts and misuse of them in the assembly, with related problems. Though we do not have miraculous gifts today, the principles of this section are applicable to us.

1. What point is Paul making about “differences” in 12:4-11 and what was the purpose of the various, diverse gifts?
2. Consider the various gifts listed in 12:8-10 and be prepared to discuss what those were.
3. What is the baptism and how does it occur in 12:13 (hint: Eph. 4:4-6)?
4. Why would one part of the body consider itself insignificant compared to another (12:15-18)? Give an illustration of how this might occur today. Do the same for a superiority complex (12:21).
5. How are we to treat the “less honorable” and why (12:22-26)?
6. What observations and lessons can you draw from 12:28-30?