

Agape House of Worship Mid-Week Bible Study

Topic: Receiving and growing spiritual gifts
Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Wednesday, June 12, 2024
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Objective: The subject of today's bible study is to learn how to receive and grow our spiritual gifts. What are the different means by which we can activate our spiritual gifts and how do we grow them.

Message Introduction: 1 Corinthians 12, Paul describes how and why God gives spiritual gifts to Christians. Paul wrote this letter to the Christians in Corinth in response to questions about why some Christians received spiritual gifts and others didn't."

Study the Scriptures: Read the Passage 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Discussion Questions

- ❖ Can an unbeliever receive and operate in spiritual gifts?
- ❖ What is the difference between the fruits of the spirit and the gifts of the spirit?
- ❖ How useful are our spiritual gifts when it comes to evangelism?
- ❖ Are spiritual gifts a sign of spiritual maturity?
- ❖ What are the benefits of spiritual gifts in our gatherings?
- ❖ What are some of the dangers of seeking spiritual gifts?
- ❖ Why are motives important when it comes to desiring spiritual gifts?

Receiving the gifts of the spirit

1. Be born again. (John 14:6)
2. Develop your faith by studying the word of God (Romans 10:17)
3. Living a consecrated life. (Psalm 24:3-5)
4. Develop a strong desire for the gifts of the spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:1)
5. Through the laying on of hands. (2 Timothy 1:6)
6. Being amongst like-minded people. (1 Samuel 10:10)
7. By assisting a man or woman of God (Exodus 24:13)

Growing your spiritual gifts:

- ❖ **Use the gifts to serve God's people.**
1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
- ❖ **The more you use the gift, the more it grows.**
Luke 16:10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."
- ❖ **Maintaining a strong prayer lifestyle.**
Luke 5:16 "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

❖ **Subdue the flesh through fasting and prayer.**

Luke 4:14 “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.”

❖ **Maintain a strong faith by studying the word of God.**

Romans 10:17 “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

❖ **Living a consecrated life.**

2 Tim 2:21 (ESV) “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.