



Managing Your Talents
Week 2 in the series "Riding Herd"
1 Corinthians 12:1-31

"Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters,
I do not want you to be uninformed" (verse 1)

The p_____ of spiritual gifts

Verses 7-11, "Now **to each one** the manifestation of the Spirit is given....To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them **to each one**, just as he determines."

Verse 18, "God has placed the parts in the body, **every one of them**, just as he wanted them to be."

Verse 27, "Now you are the body of Christ, and **each one of you** is a part of it."

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Verses 4-6, "There are different kinds of gifts...different kinds of service...different kinds of working"

Verses 12, 15-26, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.... Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."

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Verse 7, "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given **for the common good.**"

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."