

As I have mentioned before, I do not think this is a total listing of all gifts but a demonstration as to how the Spirit enriches the assembly.

The "sign gifts" are points of argument and we will mention them in passing but not in polemical detail.

B. The Gift Theology

1. The Divine Working:

- a. The Spirit: 1 Cor 12:4, 8, 9, 11,
- b. The Lord: 1 Cor 12:5
- c. "God" 1 Cor 12:6; 18, 21, 28

One cannot miss the aspects of Divine Sovereignty seen in the gifting process and one can also see the stimulus given with the suggestion to seek the "best gifts".

2. Note that under these terms, each believer is:

- a. gifted
- b. appointed
- c. responsible

3. The working of all together is that which builds the body in love and subsequent growth.

C. Discerning the gifts. It goes without saying that this is not so easy as it sounds. It is important, however, and I will press the point that the nature of one's gift is best discerned by giving oneself to the work or witness of the body. Some explanation is necessary.

- 1. Identify the gift broadly
- 2. Determine how it may be used in the fellowship. Consultation with the elders is a good step.
- 3. See what may be available for your interest.

(maybe)

The gifts are given by the Lord for a purpose Eph 4:12 (cont.) 1 Cor 12:27 (complete)

if we do not pray (help) our minds

hospitality

Prophets

Best Way
Try things

what spiritual energy 1 Cor 12:1

(often not used)