

August 28–September 3

1 Corinthians 8–13

“Ye Are the Body of Christ”



Gifts of the Spirit

1Cor 12:4-11

What is the one gift that is given to every member and why do you think that everyone has this gift?

How does the whole church profit from each member having a witness from the Spirit?

What do you think Paul means by, "dividing to every man severally as he will"?

Bruce R McConkie

“Every converted member of the Church has one or more of the gifts of the Spirit. Following baptism in water, new members of the Church receive the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. This gift is the right to the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit based on faithfulness. Hence, any truly converted person has, as one gift, a witness from the Spirit that the work is true; every person who has a testimony enjoys to one degree or another the companionship of the Spirit; and none can receive the Spirit without partaking of the gifts of the Spirit, for the fact of receiving revelation that the work is true is itself one of the gifts.” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, pg 2:373)

Boyd K. Packer,

“Each member serves as a testimony of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are at war with the forces of the adversary, and we need each and every one of us if we are going to succeed in the work the Savior has for us to do.” (CR, Oct. 2014)

Moroni 10:17-18

17. And all these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ; and they come unto every man severally, according as he will.

18. And I would exhort you, my beloved brethren, that ye remember that every good gift cometh of Christ.

D&C 46:8-12

8] Wherefore, beware lest ye are deceived; and that ye may not be deceived seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;

9] For verily I say unto you, they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do; that all may be benefited that seek or that ask of me, that ask and not for a sign that they may consume it upon their lusts.

10] And again, verily I say unto you, I would that ye should always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church.

11] For all have not every gift given unto them; for there are many gifts, and to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God.

12] To some is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby.

Gifts of the Spirit

1Cor 12:12-21

Why do you think that it's important to understand that all gifts are essential in the Kingdom of God?

Jeffrey R. Holland

"It is an immensely satisfying thing to be needed in the body of Christ. Whether I function as an eye or arm is irrelevant; the fact is I am needed in this most majestic organism, and the body is imperfect without me."
("Belonging: A View of Membership", Ensign, Apr. 1980)

M. Russell Ballard

"Don't be intimidated by those whose native talents and capabilities may be more visible-and may therefore seem more valuable-than your own. Every person has a significant contribution to make. Every person."
(Counseling with Our Councils, pg. 122)

Gifts of the Spirit

1Cor 12:27-31

What do you think Paul means by, “covet earnestly the best gifts”?

Is there one gift that we should seek after more than any other?

Tad R. Callister

“A second channel for these enabling powers is the gifts of the Spirit. Because of Christ’s Atonement, we are eligible to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and its accompanying spiritual gifts. These gifts are attributes of godliness; therefore, each time we acquire a gift of the Spirit, we become more like God. No doubt that is why the scriptures enjoin us on multiple occasions to seek these gifts.” (CR, April 2019)

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Moroni 7:46

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail

Charity

1Cor 13:1-2

What else must be present in our lives before we can successfully share our gifts with others?

Why is it essential that we have charity before we can successfully use our gifts?

D&C 12:8

And no one can assist in this work except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity.

D&C 18:19

And if you have not faith, hope and charity, you can do nothing.

Charity

1Cor 13:4-8,13

How would you define charity?

Moroni 7:47

But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him.

Ether 12:33-34

33 And again, I remember that thou hast said that thou hast loved the world, even unto the laying down of thy life for the world, that thou mightest take it again to prepare a place for the children of men.

34 And now I know that this love which thou hast had for the children of men is charity.

Russell M. Nelson

“Charity is the spiritual gift that helps us to cast off the natural man, who is selfish, defensive, prideful, and jealous. Charity is the principal characteristic of a true follower of Jesus Christ. Charity defines a peacemaker.

“When we humble ourselves before God and pray with all the energy of our hearts, God will grant us charity....

“The pure love of Christ is the answer to the contention that ails us today.... The pure love of Christ... allows us to demonstrate how men and women of Christ speak and act....

“Today I invite you to examine your discipleship within the context of the way you treat others. I bless you to make any adjustments that may be needed so that your behavior is ennobling, respectful, and representative of a true follower of Jesus Christ.” (CR, April 2023)

Charity

1Cor 13:9-12

What do you think Paul means by, “now we see through a glass darkly”?

LeGrand Richards

"When we are born into this world, we only have a vague recollection of our preexistent life. By the inspiration of the Spirit 'we see through a glass darkly' and we 'know in part.' Ultimately our previous knowledge will be restored to us, when that which is perfect comes, and then we shall know even as also we are known.... Ultimately the veil of darkness, or forgetfulness, which deprives us of the recollection of our existence in the spirit world before this earth was made and of the acquaintances we had here, will be lifted. Then we will see as we are seen and know as we are known and as we were known before earth life." (A Marvelous Work and a Wonder, pg. 281)

Next Week:

September 4–10

1 Corinthians 14–16

“God Is Not the Author of Confusion, but of Peace”

