

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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### My gift or His Gift?

**1 CORINTHIANS 12: 1-11 NLT** – (1) Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. (2) You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshipping speechless idols. (3) So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. (4) There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. (5) There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. (6) God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. (7) A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. (8) To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. (9) The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. (10) He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. (11) It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

A young man walks into a church on Sunday morning with tears streaming down his face. The Pastor calls him to come to the altar. The young man proceeds to the altar and when he arrives in front of the Pastor, the Pastor asks "What is the problem?" The young man replied "My hearing." The Pastor informs the young man that he has the gift of healing and immediately the Pastor laid his hand on the young man's forehead, while two elders placed their finger in his ears. The Pastor began to pray. When the Pastor had finished praying, he stepped back away from the young man and the elders removed their fingers from his ears. The Pastor asked, "How is your hearing now my son?" The young man said, "I don't know, it isn't until Thursday."

Let us totally understand "Spiritual Gifts" and not misuse them as Paul instructs in the above passage. We must know the What, Who, Why, When and How when it comes to "Spiritual Gifts."

- 1) WHAT is the gift?
- 2) WHO gave the gift?
- 3) WHY is the gift use that way?
- 4) WHEN to use it?
- 5) HOW to use it?

The answer can be found in the chapter mentioned above. Don't be deceived in thinking it is of God when it is possibly not. **1 TIMOTHY 3:5 NLT** – (5) They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

#### SCRIPTURE READING

PSALMS 1:1-2

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Time out with playing church, let's do it God's way.

