

The Body Beautiful

Love for the Body of Christ

A motive of sacrificial Love for the Body of Christ will:

impact our gifts, actions, emotions;

seek truth and restoration;

bring life and hope into all circumstances;

and its presence or absence is known eternally.

1 Corinthians 12

“Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don’t want you to misunderstand this. You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. 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.”

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- Paul is clarifying that we are all on the same spiritual page in God's eyes
 - So the individual "gifting" is God's business
 - We can't take credit or be dismissive of gifts

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“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...”

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