

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 41

The Year of Sowing – The Gifts of the Spirit – Unity in Variety

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.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The proper understanding of the gifts of the Spirit is essential for us to rightly take our place and function as God desires in the Body of Christ. It is important that we understand the nature and purpose of the gifts. As we have seen, the purpose of the gifts is to serve in our gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ. The gifts are given by God to everyone who places their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross, and receives Him as their Savior from their sins. Paul teaches us here that the source of the gifts is the Holy Spirit of God who lives within us. There are different gifts, different kinds of service where these gifts are used, and different ways in which the gifts work, but it is the one Lord who is the source of them all and it is the one Lord who works in these different ways through each believer. Paul teaches us here the valuable truth of unity in variety. Although the gifts vary, there is unity in their source and purpose. The unity comes because it is the one Spirit, the same Lord who gives and works in all of us His purposes. It is the same God the Father, who having exalted the Lord Jesus to the supreme headship of the church, and having sent the Holy Spirit, works all these effects in the lives of men. Therefore, because it is the same Lord who gives, administers and works through the gifts, there is no place for us to exalt our service or our gifts. What beauty, that God would weave together this unity in variety for the purpose of growing, maturing, and strengthening the Body of Christ, so that we might fulfill His will on earth.

Day 1: Take time to praise the Lord for His amazing working of the unity and variety of the spiritual gifts.

Day 2: Ask the Lord to enlighten you by His Spirit and teach you about the spiritual gifts.

Day 3: Pray that you and your family would understand how to learn and talk together about your spiritual gifts and how to use them.

Day 4: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what spiritual gifts you should be operating in now.

Day 5: Pray for the members of your church to truly understand this truth of unity in variety.

Day 6: Pray for believers in other churches in your city to have unity as they seek to use their spiritual gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to work together in the unity and variety of the gifts of the Spirit.