

I. The **PROBLEM** with the “spiritual gifts”: Our _____ (vv. 1-3)

II. The **SOLUTION** to the “spiritual gifts” problem (vv. 4-31)

(-) Don't remain ignorant about ...

1. **The _____ of the gifts:** The sovereignty of God (vv. 4-6, 11, 18)

2. **The _____ of the gifts:** The common good (vv. 7, 25)

3. **The _____ of the gifts:** Many and varied (vv. 8-10, 28-30)

4. **The _____ for all gifts:** One healthy Body (v. 27)

(+) Continue to desire the _____ gifts (v. 31)

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12. When you think of yourself as a member of Christ himself, what comes to mind? How does thinking of other Christians as members of Christ himself affect the way you see them?

2. What spiritual gifts do you see represented among those who are closest to you?

3. What spiritual gifts do you—or other people—see in your life? Do you feel like an important and needed part of the body, or an insignificant part? Why?

4. 1 Corinthians 28-30 is one of several scriptural lists of spiritual gifts (others are in Rom 12:6-8 and Eph 4:11). The lists differ from each other with some overlap. What does this rich diversity of gifts say to you about the Holy Spirit's work in the church?

5. How well would you say the body of Christ is functioning in your life? How aware are you of needing and being needed by the Christians around you? How are you honoring the contributions of others?

6. How has this sermon increased your awareness of how the body of Christ functions, and how can you become more active in a fellowship that needs you?

“One of the issues people have with Paul’s teaching on the gifts of the Spirit is the ‘specialist problem.’ In other words, once we identify our spiritual gift, we think we do not have to do anything that is not in our area—like evangelism, or teaching, or serving. However, the Bible is clear that even though we may be uniquely gifted in certain areas of ministry, that does not disqualify us or excuse us from fulfilling our responsibilities in other areas. A football coach once said that the greatest problem in the church is the same problem in a football game: you have twenty-two people on the field who desperately need rest and 22,000 people in the stands who desperately need exercise. In most churches today, you will find a few people who are running around trying to cover all the bases. They are doing the things they are gifted to do—and they are also doing the other things other people are gifted to do but are not doing. ... So, it is not just a matter of ‘figuring out’ what we are good at doing so we can find satisfaction in doing it. It is also a matter of recognizing that the church cannot be all that God wants it to be until every member is doing what God equipped him or her to do. Let us pray that God would lay it on our hearts to get out of the stands, get down on the field, and get involved in the game.”

DAVID JEREMIAH

EXERCISE FOR THIS WEEK

Discover your spiritual gifts and put them to use in the church.

Your Spiritual gifts, Heart (passion), Abilities, Personality and Experience (S.H.A.P.E.) can guide you to a unique role in serving the body of Christ. Christ Chapel’s Local Outreach Ministry has created an online course designed to help you discover how God created you to serve—it’s called *Created For Action*. The course is free and can be completed at your own pace. When you arrive at the Created For Action page on our website (see link below), you will be prompted to sign in to your CCBC account. If you’ve ever signed up for any Christ Chapel event, you will use the same login. If you have not ever used our login feature, you can create an account at that time by following the steps provided.

To take the Created For Action course:
www.ccbcfamily.org/CreatedForAction

To get started in finding your place to serve:
www.ccbcfamily.org/serve

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That’s a great spot to see what’s coming up!

BAND OF BROTHERS AND WOMEN IN THE WORD START THIS WEEK! Are you looking for community? Join a Bible study this week! Men, Band of Brothers will be gathering for a new series, “Thy Kingdom Come” on Thursdays. Ladies, Women in the Word will be studying encouraging truths about Jesus in the book of Hebrews on Thursdays. Learn more about both and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

ADOPTIVE AND FOSTER MOMS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 12. Christ Chapel’s HISchild Ministry wants to create a space for foster and adoptive moms to meet and support one another. Join us next Sunday for a get-together from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Soul Care Conference Room. Let us know you’re planning to be there by emailing Doug and Hillary Jennings at HISchild@christchapelbc.org.

FIND HELP AND HOPE IN A FALL SOUL CARE GROUP. Soul Care groups are a safe place to land as you work through a specific issue with the hope of the gospel. This fall there are groups for redeemed sexuality, sin struggles, unmet expectations and loss. You can learn more about the groups, which start this month, and sign up for one at www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

SIGN UP FOR THE SIDE BY SIDE WOMEN’S MENTORING WORKSHOP. Women’s Ministry has many young women who are looking for someone to lead them into a deeper walk with God. Will you share your experience and be a friend to a younger woman in the faith? Come and learn the ins and outs of mentoring, plus all the joys that come with it on Saturday, Sept. 18. Sign up for the workshop at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPT. 19! Have lunch with CCBC Global Missions and meet a church planter who serves in one of the world’s largest cities. Our guest has a unique perspective on building the Church in a country that’s hostile to the gospel. Save your spot for the lunch today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

GROW YOUR FAITH AND THE NEXT GENERATION WITH CHILDREN’S MINISTRY! Serving in Children’s Ministry on Sundays is a chance to build authentic friendships, grow deeper in your faith and show kids that Jesus loves them. Stop by the Children’s Ministry display in the Great Room or Atrium today to sign up.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR HURRICANE IDA IS UNDERWAY. Christ Chapel is partnering with Samaritan’s Purse to deploy volunteers to areas affected by Hurricane Ida. If you’d like to serve, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events for more information.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 833-422-7200 to get started.