SPIRITUAL GIFTS: 1 Corinthians 12-14

The **Metaphor**

Jesus is the Head of the Church

The Church is the body of Christ

(Eph 1:22-23)

Emphasis:
The church is a **UNITY**, one body
The church is a **DIVERSITY**, many members

➢ God has a mission for the church to perform in the world

– all the gifts are important

– each gift has its own function

– there is no room for competition

– all the gifts are necessary

– there is no room for self-sufficiency

– there should be no divisions

– nor any jealousy

– all do not have the same gifts

– no one has all the gifts

– there is no gift that all must have

– we

– all

– there

What are they?

spiritual

4152 πνευματικός *pneumatikos*
= spiritualities, spirituals
= things of the Spirit or controlled by the Spirit

gifts

5486 χάρισμα *charisma*
= a favour bestowed or received without any merit

– spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities given by God to believers for service in the church, the body of Christ

– spiritual gifts are NOT:
  – salvation
  – fruit of the Spirit
  – character traits
  – talents
  – skills
  – offices or jobs in the church
  – general responsibilities of all believers
  – pre-Church – they are NT

– there are varieties of
  a) of gifts – the same Spirit
  b) of ministries – the same Lord
  c) of effects – the same God

– they are the manifestation of the Spirit

5321 φανέρωσις *phanerosis*
= a disclosure
= a setting forth plainly
= to cause something to be fully known

– they are

Who receives them? **When**?

– each one

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→ must

How are they given?

– to one – one gift
– to another – another gift
– by the Spirit

– the Spirit distributing
– individually, as He wills

– God placed the members in the body as He desired

– God composed the body

– God

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