



Scripture for the week of May 23: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

“1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines”

Sunday, May 23:

Scripture: Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

Questions: What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? How well do you know the Spiritual gifts that you have been given? Are you using them for God’s glory?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, reveal to me this week what I should learn about Your gifts and which You have given to me. Let me find ways this week to discover them and use them for Your glory. Also, let me be open to all the gifts You desire to provide me so that Your work can be done on earth.

Monday, May 24:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-2: “1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.”

Questions: Have you ignored the idea that the Holy Spirit provides gifts to His children? Or, are you someone who does not see yourself with any gifts at all? Will you ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart this week and reveal to you the gifts He has given you and how to use them for His glory?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, speak to my heart this week and reveal to me the gifts You have given to me but that I have left dormant. Show me ways to use these gifts for Your good and to show others Your love through the use of these gifts.

Tuesday, May 25:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3-4: “3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.”

Questions: What do you know about the Holy Spirit? Are you willing to look into who the Spirit is in your life during this week? Or have you been one who has learned about the Holy Spirit but struggle with the gifts you have been given? Will you try to take time and figure out the gifts you have been given and then use them for God’s purposes?

Prayer: Spirit, help me to be open to the gifts You have given me and to see how You desire that they be used for reaching others. Help me to see clearly the purposes You have for my life and to be obedient to how You desire me to use these gifts.

Wednesday, May 26:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:5-6: “⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

Questions: Do you realize that each of us may perform different kinds of service or works but that it is God who energizes that work or service in everyone? Do you believe that all Christians are spiritually gifted in something? Do you recognize your gifts? If not, have you asked someone else to let you know if they can see specific gifts in you?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the spiritual gifts You have given to me. Help me to recognize them at work in my life so that others may come to know You and Your love for them. Help me to be open to the gifts You desire to give me when You desire to do something special through me.

Thursday, May 27:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7-8: “⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,”

Questions: Did you know that Spiritual gifts come from the grace of God and not by our achievements? Do you realize that all gifts are given for the common good and not for the exaltation of the gifted person? Have you discerned the gifts that you have been given? Are you willing to use them in ministry?

Prayer: Spirit of God, as I see the gifts mentioned in today and tomorrow’s Scripture, speak to my heart as to how You desire me to serve You through the use of these gifts. I desire to be open to all the gifts You desire to gift me with and not to be particular about the gifts that are offered.

Friday, May 28:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:9-10: “⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.”

Questions: Do you find the list of gifts in this Scripture intimidating? Is there any from here you don’t want? Do you think we should be open to all that God has for us? Do you trust that God has only the best for you and will give you the gifts that you need for His work?

Prayer: God, help me to be open to receive all the gifts Your Spirit desires to give me. Take away any fear that is in me as I think about some of these gifts. Teach me to trust that You have only good for me and desire to use me for the work in this church and in my community.

Saturday, May 29:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:11: “¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

Questions: Is this a hard Scripture for you to accept? Or, do you think that you are open to all the gifts of the Spirit that God desires to give you? Did this week help you to look at the Spirit’s gifts differently? Are there any gifts you will ask God for? Or will you trust that He will give you the gifts you need when you need them?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, come into my life. In my heart I desire You to use me and fill me with the gifts I need to do Your work. But in my head sometimes that seems daunting. Help me recognize Your work within me so that I will continue to turn over more and more of my life to You.