

Beltway Park

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Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-4; 14:1 (pp. 1136-1137)

When we talk about para-normal, we are speaking of staying in step with the Spirit of the one true God. We're talking about God working in us and through us, not somewhere down the road in another place. We're talking right _____ – right _____. (*Gal. 5:25*)

God doesn't want us in the _____ about spiritual gifts.

Maybe the reason there is so much controversy over spiritual gifts is because Satan knows how important spiritual gifts are to the _____ of God and the abundant life of God's children.

When it comes to spiritual gifts, I believe we often have some misconceptions that might fall into the _____ category.

- Some of us believe that spiritual gifts are only for the professional clergy or the _____.
- Some of us believe spiritual gifts are only for the _____ people concerning _____ things.
- Some of us think spiritual gifts have no _____ _____ to our lives.

Spiritual gifts are God showing His _____ to people through different people in different ways.

The repetition of the word _____ tells us that whatever spiritual gifts might be, it is not going to look the same in each of us.

The second word that is repeated for emphasis is the word "same." What makes us the same is not our gifts or even the places or ways we use those gifts. Those are designed by God to be different. What makes us the same is that we have the same _____ working in us and through us.

Words for spiritual gifts:

- _____ . The root word is “charis” which means grace.
- _____ . It is based on the word “pneuma” which means Spirit.
- ----- . It is a word that is also translated “ministry” or “service.”

Together these words tell us that spiritual gifts refers to the Spirit working in us through acts of _____ and _____ at different times and in differing ways to show His grace to people.

God has chosen that the primary way He will demonstrate His glory to the world and His grace to other people is through us, His _____.

If you are a follower of Jesus, you have been given the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit has given you spiritual gifts, ways He desires to manifest His love, grace and power through you. You are _____ – and you are _____ in the lives of people.

Part of staying in step with the Spirit – part of para-normal living - is God manifesting His _____ through our weakness to give His grace to others.

We are not to be _____ about God’s gifts.

Eagerly desiring spiritual gifts is to eagerly desire that God demonstrate His grace and _____ to other people through us.

Spiritual gifts are simply the _____ God gives His church to demonstrate His love to one another and to the world.

The question: do we as individuals and as a church want to be used by God in _____ ways to show His love and grace to one another and to the world?

Reading this week: *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, chapter 12.

For further study, you can attend Beltway’s Class: SHAPE: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts beginning Sunday, Feb. 21 (for 3 weeks) at 11:20am in Room C-126.
