

Introduction - *Thanks and The City!*

A quick review of the past 4 weeks

This week's message: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Spiritual Gifts (part 4) -
The Gifts that are People

1. What's the Big Idea here?

1 Corinthians 12:287-28a

- a. What is the overall plan of God? (Ephesians 3:10)
- b. What did Jesus say about church? (Matthew 16:18, 18:17))
- c. How did the original followers of Jesus understand the great commission? (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 13:1-3ff)
- d. What makes up a healthy church (six elements)
 1. Scriptural Authority (1 Timothy 3:14-15)
 2. Corporate Worship (1 Corinthians 11:17-22)
 3. Covenanted Community (Acts 2:42-47)
 4. Biblical Leadership (Titus 1:5)
 5. Mission (John 20:21)
 6. Baptism and Lord's Supper (Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Cor 11:17-22)

2. The Gifts that are People

1 Corinthians 12:28

apostles
prophets
teachers
then workers of miracles
those having gifts of healing
those able to help others
those with gifts of administration
and those speaking in different kinds of tongues

What's the point of these "people gifts"?

Ephesians 4:11-16, esp. v. 12

3. The non-exclusivity of any one gift

1 Corinthians 12:29-30-

4. Eagerly Seeking Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:31

Application - *"Do you seek gifts for the advancement of our church?"*

1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Ephesians 3:10-11

¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Other passages talked about are listed in the sermon notes section.