# **MESSAGE NOTES**

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 AGAINST ALL ODDS | GIFTED TO SERVE 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

#### INTRODUCTION

On True Spirituality (verses 1-3)

### THE PRINCIPLES

## **PRINCIPLE #1**

We are not to be ignorant about true <u>spirituality</u>. It begins with our confession of Christ as Lord and our daily submission to Him in all things.

#### **PRINCIPLE #2**

The church's unity is seen and strengthened by our diversity, not by uniformity.

Definition: spiritual gifts are spiritual <u>abilities</u> given by God to every believer for the edification (building up or equipping) of the church to the glory of God until He comes.

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until 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." Ephesians 4:11-13

#### **PRINCIPLE #3**

We receive our spiritual gift(s) from God, through the <u>Holy Spirit</u> when we receive the Spirit. (verses 4, 11 cf. & Ephesians 1:13-14)

#### **PRINCIPLE #4**

Every Christian has at least <u>one</u> spiritual gift given by God's Spirit. No single gift has been given to everyone, and no one has every gift. (1 Corinthians 12: 7, 29, 30)

#### **PRINCIPLE #5**

Each gift is to be used in <u>love</u> to build up (edify) the church. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11

# **BRINGING IT HOME**

Discover your gifts, employ them in service to others so that we grow stronger as Christ's church, better fitted to further God's work in this world.

#### **Spiritual Gift Resources and More**

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