**The Gifts of the Spirit**

**Truth #1: Spiritual gifts are sovereignly and graciously given by the one Triune God (1 Cor. 12:4-6)**

Holy Spirit // Son (cf. Ephesians 4:7) // Father (cf. 1 Peter 4:10)

* The gifts of the *one Triune God*
* The one Triune God *graciously gives gifts*

v.4-6: 3 different words for the gifts, all stressing the Giver

“gifts”: *charismata – charis* (grace) cf. Rom. 12:6

“service”

“workings”

Graciously given by God, enabled by God, for the service of God

He distributes as he wishes (v.11)

**Truth #2: Spiritual gifts are for the “spiritual”, that is, all Christians**

**(v.1-3, 7, 11)**

v.1 “spiritual things/persons” (eg. see ESV, CSB, NRSV footnotes)

Broader context: not just about gifts, but what it means to be truly spiritual

The truly spiritual person = acknowledges Jesus is Lord over their lives

(v.3)

All Christians are given spiritual gifts! (“each one” – v7, 11)

**Truth #3: Spiritual gifts are diverse, not limited (12:4-6)**

Diversity (cf. 1 Cor. 12:28-30)

Abundance (cf. all the lists of gifts in the New Testament)

Representative, not exhaustive

*Charismata –* in the NT a broad category (cf. for eg. Roman 5:15-16, 2 Cor. 1:11)

**Truth #4: Spiritual gifts don’t make us superior or inferior**

1 Cor. 12:17-18, 21

* Don’t make any one gift the calling card of the Spirit
* All gifts needed and appreciated
* Don’t devalue the gifts God has given us either!
* Say thank you

**Truth #5: Spiritual gifts are for the edification of the church (1 Cor. 12:7)**

Public servants

The gifts of Christ are discerned by the body of Christ as they are used by the servants of Christ.

Questions to ask: if God has given you gifts, are you looking to use it? For the good of others?

Just *what* are some of these gifts mentioned? An excursus

* “word of wisdom” (v.8)
* “word of knowledge” (v.8)
* “prophecy” (v.10)

**Truth #6: Spiritual gifts must have love at its heart (1 Cor. 13)**