

GIFTS GALORE

Describe a time when someone gave you an awesome gift.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-31.

1. How can a person know if they have the Holy Spirit?
 - A. You can never know for sure.
 - B. What is the Holy Spirit?
 - C. The person has to be nicer than they used to be.
 - D. There is evidence that the person is "pro-Jesus."
 - E. By demonstrating spiritual gifts.
 - F. You get this special "zing" feeling inside.
 - G. Pray for the Holy Spirit and then believe you've received it.
 - H. If you can speak in tongues, you definitely have the Spirit.
 - I. Other.

2. Why does the Holy Spirit give gifts to God's people?
 - A. The Holy Spirit is generous and loves to give.
 - B. There are plenty of gifts, so why not pass them out?
 - C. The gifts are intended to build up God's Church.
 - D. Spiritual gifts are to increase the service projects a church does.
 - E. So people will grow in their spiritual lives.
 - F. It's the way God continues the ministry of Jesus on earth.
 - G. God's people need supernatural means to do what's needed.
 - H. Spiritual gifts call for those gifted to work together.
 - I. Other.

3. What determines who gets which spiritual gift(s)?
 - A. It depends on who's naughty and who's nice.
 - B. You have to be old enough to use these properly.
 - C. The talents you've been given.
 - D. If you use what you've been given, then you get more.
 - E. It's based on seniority.
 - F. The Holy Spirit makes the call.
 - G. It's determined by how much faith a person has.
 - H. Other.

4. The spiritual gifts I've seen in my church include:
 - I. Teachers and apostles.
 - J. Prophets and helpers.
 - K. Organizers and those who speak in tongues.
 - L. Miracle-workers and donors.
 - M. Visionaries and worker-bees.
 - N. Preachers and healers.
 - O. Interpreting tongues and administration.
 - P. Other.

5. What do you think about the topic of spiritual gifts?
 - A. I have no idea what you're talking about.
 - B. I don't think about this much.
 - C. This is the key to unlock God's work in our church and in our world.
 - D. I'd like to know more about it.
 - E. I took a spiritual gifts inventory and then nothing happened after that.
 - F. This topic is sorely neglected in my church.
 - G. I think this applies to the church in Corinth more than to my church.
 - H. This is awesome!
 - I. Other.

6. In what way is your Church Body out of balance when it comes to spiritual gifts?
 - A. Too much preaching; not enough faith.
 - B. Too many miracles; not enough helpers.
 - C. Too many prophets; not enough organizers.
 - D. Too many worker-bees; not enough praying people.
 - E. Too many teachers; not enough speakers in tongues.
 - F. Lots of activity, but not much evidence of God.
 - G. We expect God to do what we should already be doing.
 - H. Other.

7. Which spiritual gifts have you been given? How do you know? How and when do you use your spiritual gift(s)?

8. To illustrate how spiritual gifts work together, Paul used the analogy of the human body. What's another analogy that could explain this today?