



1Corinthians 12 (NRSV)

12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts (*pneumatikon*), brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" (*anathema Iesous*) and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" (*kyrios Iesous*) except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services (*diakonion*), but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities (*energēmatōn*), but it is the same God who activates (*energōn*) all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated (*energei*) by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Medlicott Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

new things (I Corinthians 12)

- Introduction: Future planning and last week
 - The MANY gifts of the Spirit are given by the ONE GOD
 - The gifts of the Spirit come with the batteries included
 - Gifts of the Spirit are given to each one—and every one

- Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God SPEAKS

- The GIFTS of the Spirit lead to ministries that have effects

- *diakonion*: ministry

- The gifts of the Spirit are for the common good

- In a sense every day is judgment day, and we, through our deeds and words, our silence and speech, are constantly writing in the Book of Life. Light has come into the world, and every (one) must decide whether (they) will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" (MLK)

- The LargsNaz Spiritual Gifts Survey

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost