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PART 19:

AN INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL GIFTS CONTINUED

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Introduction

- 1 Corinthians chapters 12, 13 & 14 are the '*manual*' for the correct understanding and usage of the gifts of the Spirit.
- In all case the manual inspired by the Holy Spirit and penned by Paul **MUST** be followed.

1 The SETTING For The Gifts

- [1 Corinthians 12:17 - 28]. The church is the place for the gifts to be exercised.
- The church is the gathering of God's people with ordained leadership present.
- [James 5:14] The '*elders*' lay hands on the sick for healing.

2 The PURPOSE Of The Gifts

- Especially with re: to the '*inspirational*' gifts. [1 Corinthians 14:3 - 5] and [14:12] and [14:26].
- Notice the usage of the words '*edifies*' and '*edification*'
- The words mean '*to build up*'
- The gifts are not for boosting the ego of the one exercising the gift but for building up of the church.

3 The PROFITABLE Use Of The Gifts

- [1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 2]. They are to be exercised with love for the people of God.
- Notice the combination of spiritual gifts and one of the 9 fold fruit of the Spirit.

4 The DESIRABILITY Of The Gifts

- Notice, [1 Corinthians 12:31] and [14:1].
- The gifts need to be desired, longed for and yearned for.
- The '*seeker*' needs to set their heart on receiving them.

5 Brass For Gold

- In [1 Kings 14:27] king Rehoboam had the golden shields taken by the king of Egypt replaced with brass shields.
- From a distance you couldn't tell they were not the real thing.
- We need to determine that with re: to the gifts of the Spirit we settle only for the gold.
- No '*Keeping Up Appearances*'.

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