

2/26/2023 - Speaker: Isaac Parra

Series: Gifts

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13 (p. 1137 f.)

Message: How We Should Use Our Gifts

Remember:

- ...God calls us NOT to be ignorant about spiritual gifts.
- ...GOD is The One Who gives these gifts through His Spirit.
- ...He gives them just as HE decides.
- ...Every believer is given at least one spiritual gift.
- ...Your serving excels through the use of your spiritual gift(s).
- ...We don't earn or choose them, though we can pray for them.
- ...These gifts show us how to make our unique contributions.
- ...Don't expect everyone else to have the same level of gifting or passion in an area as you. But do fire up with yours!
- ...They are given for power and purpose in our ministry.
- ...Used correctly, they lift up Jesus...and build up His church.

And now I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:31b

Main Thought:

Spiritual gifts are to be used as _____
_____ for the good of others.

2 Important Thoughts On Love:

- 1) Without love, spiritual gifts are _____.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 1 Samuel 16:7b, Proverbs 21:2

We may think we're doing the right thing, but God always knows what's in our hearts. Proverbs 21:2 CEV

- 2) Real love is the _____ to give up your own desires for the good of others.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 1 John 4:7-8

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:7-10

Thought for the Week:

Will you use what God's given you, to do the job He's called you to, with the love He's shown you?

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength that 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

Key: expressions of love, useless, willingness

Please take the spiritual gifts survey. You can access it on our website at gatewaymerced.org/serve or by using the QR code on today's insert. Also, please check out all the ongoing serving opportunities as well as the Easter positions available. For those wanting more info on your gifts and how God might want to use them, please sign up for the Discover Serving Workshop 9am-noon, March 4 with Pastor Mark.