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MORNING MESSAGE

WANTED: CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

“The Stewardship of Talents”

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- I. THE SUBJECT OF GIFTS (vv.1-3)
 - A. The introduction to the subject (v.1a)
 - 1. The Greek word translated “gifts” is “charisma”
 - B. The ignorance about the subject (v.1b)
 - 1. “Ignorant” means to be unaware, uninformed, misinformed, or not to understand
 - C. The instruction on the subject (vv.2-3)
 - 1. Instruction about the past life (v.2)
 - 2. Instruction about the present life (v.3)
- II. THE SOURCE OF GIFTS (vv.4-6)
 - A. The source of gifts is God the Spirit (v.4)
 - 1. “Spirit” refers to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead
 - 2. “Diversities” means varieties
 - B. The source of administrations is God the Son (v.5)
 - 1. “Lord” speaks of Jesus Christ, the second person of the Godhead
 - 2. “Administrations” means spiritual ministries
 - C. The source of operations is God the Father (v.6)
 - 1. “God” refers to Jehovah God, Creator God, the first person of the Godhead
 - 2. “Operations” literally means “what is worked out or energized”
- III. THE SCOPE OF GIFTS (vv.7-10)
 - A. The purpose of gifts (v.7)
 - 1. “Profit” means to bring together
 - 2. NAS, “for the common good”
 - 3. Gifts are not for enjoyment, but employment; not toys, but tools
 - B. The presentation of gifts (vv.8-10)
 - 1. “Word of wisdom” is the ability to understand God’s Word
 - 2. “Word of knowledge” is the ability to understand words and phrases, and explain them to God’s people
 - 3. “Faith” describes an ability to trust God in the most difficult circumstances
 - 4. “Healing” was a temporary sign gift that was used to authenticate Jesus as the Christ
 - 5. “Miracles” was another sign gift that means an interruption of the natural
 - 6. “Prophecy” means the ability to explain and expound the Word of God
 - 7. “Discerning spirits” is the ability to distinguish between the true and false
 - 8. “Divers kinds of tongues” is another sign gift that was the ability to speak a language never studied

9. "Interpretation" "means the ability to understand and interpret a language never studied

C. This is not an exhaustive list

1. More gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:6-8, and Ephesians 4:11

2. Gifts can be divided into three categories: speaking gifts, serving gifts, and sign gifts

IV. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GIFTS (v.11)

A. All gifts are given by God

1. "As he will" means "as he determines

2. Your gift does not make you inferior

3. Your gift does not make you superior