

BENEFITS OF CORPORATE WORSHIP (Pt 3)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are to be EVIDENT in Corporate Worship.

1 Corinthians 12:1-7 (niv) Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. (nkjv ignorant) ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. (nkjv dumb idols) ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

12:8-11 (nkjv) For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are an integral part of the worship and ministry of each local church.

These gifts are primarily to edify the congregation and to equip the church for ministry.

Paul urges the church to have all the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in the church.

1 Corinthians 12:18 (nkjv) But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (nkjv) God has appointed (kjb set) these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

The words '*set*' vs 18 and '*appointed*' vs 28 the Greek word '*tithemi*' is used.

1. Used as a **RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION.**
2. Used in relation to the **HUMAN BODY.**

***TITHEMI* USED AS A RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION.**

vs 28 God has appointed these in the church...

1 Corinthians 12:2 (niv) You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. (nkjv dumb idols)

The Corinthians went to the temple to worship an idol that was mute and dumb!

Paul chooses the Greek word *tithemi* and uses it in relation to the Church, except Paul says that God has set or appointed within the church the Holy Spirit along with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Without the Holy Spirits activity and the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in the church, the church lacks power and influence.

Paul would think a church like this would be like the pagan temple, hollow, where the gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit are not evident when they gather together.

Our worship services should be platforms for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to leap into action.

When we gather for corporate worship, we should expect and desire God to speak and to reveal Himself through His gifts and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

TITHEMI USED IN RELATION TO THE HUMAN BODY.

1 Corinthians 12:18 (nkjv) ...God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

Just as our limbs and organs are vitally important for our body to function healthfully, so too is the moving of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit vitally important within the church.

If Paul's analogy is true, where the Holy Spirit and the gifts are as important to the church as our limbs are to our bodies, then Paul would conclude;

BIG IDEA: There is no such thing as a healthy, thriving church that lacks the evidence of the moving of the Holy Spirit and the operating of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We need to allow the Lord to speak and to act in our corporate worship as He ministers at will through the moving of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (niv) Now to each one the manifestation (demonstration) of the Spirit is given for the common good.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are very beneficial in and to the church.