

## Bible Study 12 – Spiritual gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:4-26

Is modern culture too self-centred? One person says: “A large portion of society only cares about the welfare of themselves and a few closest to them. Everything is focused on how to make ourselves happy quickly. We tend to forget that there are others out there who are less fortunate than ourselves and we tend to minimise their plights to make ourselves feel better. Ask most people to donate some time for a cause and they are gone. It’s about better themselves and everything else is an inconvenience. We have become the ‘ME’ culture. The selfie culture.”

<b>The context</b>	The church at Corinth was plagued by factions and spiritual immaturity. Paul’s letter to them addresses topics such as factions, sexual immorality, marital difficulties, lawsuits, lack of self-control, abuse of the Lord’s Supper, and misuse of spiritual gifts. In chapters 12-14 he corrects their misuse of the gift of tongues (the ability to speak in languages previously unknown to the speaker).
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### **PART 1 Read and summarise each section – 1 Corinthians 12:4-26**

Unity & diversity (v.4-6; 12-14)	
Each has a gift & function (v.7-11)	
Devaluing ourselves (v.15-20)	
Devaluing others (v.21-26)	

### **PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage**

1. *What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.*

2. *What I learnt about people like us.*

3. *Summarise a key verse in your own words.*

4. *In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?*

5. *Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?*

6. *What’s the purpose of spiritual gifts (v.7)?*

*How can I carry out this purpose in my church?*

7. *Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?*

Let’s value each person’s spiritual gifts (including ours) and use them for the common good.

