

# Spiritual Gifts: Beauty in Unity

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1 Cor. 12:12-37

The Holy Spirit &  
Spiritual Gifts Series

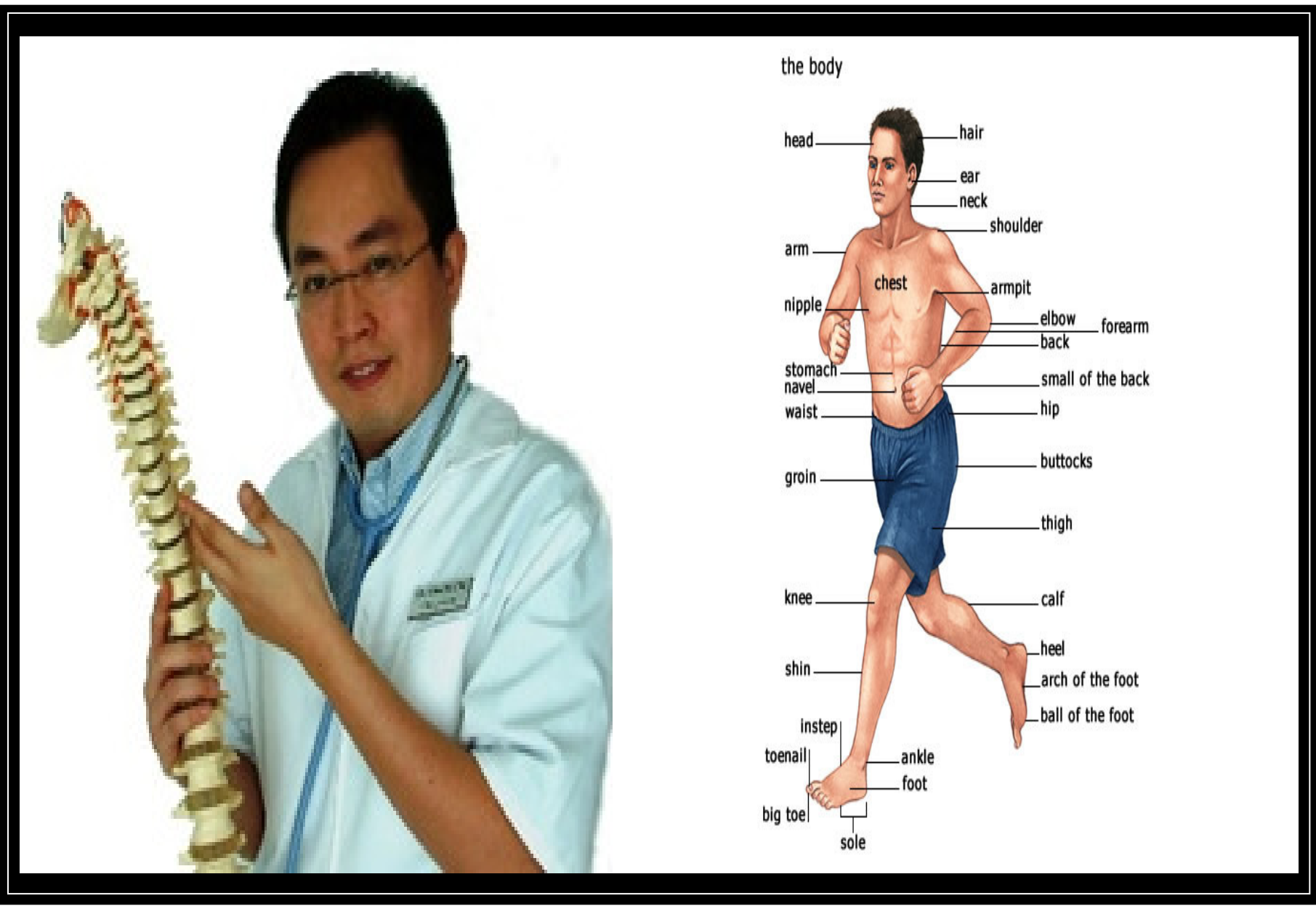


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# Spiritual Gifts: Beauty in Diversity

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10 March - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Theme:

Celebrate the diversity of spiritual  
gifts from the Holy Spirit!

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1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Theme:

Celebrate the unity of  
the body of Christ!

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I recognize that I am part of a unified body.

## 2. Spiritual Attitude (15-26)

I regard all believers and gifts as equally essential.

## 3. Spiritual Discernment (27-31)

I use my spiritual gifts appropriately.

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Emphasis: One Spirit!

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Regardless of background...

**COLOUR, NATIONALITY, STATUS**

# COMMENT: Xenophobia and the Jollibee backlash

By *Shah Salimat* | Yahoo! Newsroom – 14 March 2013



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## 2. Spiritual Attitude (15-26)

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a. I regard myself and my gifts as equally essential compared to others. (15-20).

b. I regard others and their gifts as equally essential compared to myself. (21-26).

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- 1 Cor 12:15-16

If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

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Myth 1 –

I can be disconnected from the local body of believers.

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- 1 Cor 12:18

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

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Myth 2 –

We do not need another believer or his gifts.

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- 1 Cor 12:21

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

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- 1 Cor 12: 25-26

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.



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Revision: The Holy Spirit distributes different gifts for the common good!

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- 1 Cor 12:27

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

“in particular” = according to own place and function.

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- 1 Cor 12:29-30 Rhetorical Questions

Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

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Diversity illustrated in various lists

- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- Ephesians 4
- 1 Peter 4

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## Romans 12 list

- Prophecy (to be covered later in series)
- Service (Ministering)
- Teaching
- Exhorting
- Giving
- Leadership (Ruling)
- Showing mercy

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- 1 Cor. 12:31

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

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1 Cor. 12:31

- Since we have different gifts, together desire to use the “best gifts”
  - the most appropriate gifts for the need / time for the common good.
- Because : Giftedness is not #1, Love is!



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Feb 17 – The Holy Spirit: Who, What, Why?

Feb 24 – The Holy Spirit: When, Where, How?

Mar 10 – Spiritual Gifts: Beauty in Diversity

Mar 17 – Spiritual Gifts: Beauty in Unity

April 7 & 14 – Love: The Channel of Gifts

May 19 & 26 – Signs, Tongues and Prophecy  
(dovetails with 1 Corinthians 12-14)