

“UNDERSTANDING THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS - II”

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INTRO: Let’s work our way through 1Cor. 12-14 so that we read about the manifestation gifts in their biblical context. The manifestation gifts are to be used in corporate worship (as well as in the marketplace), but in an orderly manner (1Cor. 14:40). Each church should establish a gift protocol.

•Manifestations Gift Instructions from 1Corinthians 12.

1. God doesn’t want us ignorant of spiritual gifts (v. 1).
2. The gifts should always lift up Jesus (v. 2).
3. Several gifts, but one Spirit, Lord and God (vv. 4-6).
4. Given to each one for the benefit of all (v. 7).
5. A list of the nine manifestation gifts (vv. 8-10).
6. The body of Christ is one, but made up of many interdependent members with specific gifts (vv. 12-27).
7. Avoid attitudes of inferiority & superiority (vv. 15-24).
8. Members properly connected walk in unity, mutual respect and caring for one another (vv. 25-26).
9. No one has all the gifts, so we need each other (vv. 29-30).
10. We should desire spiritual gifts (1Cor. 12:31; 14:1).

•Manifestations Gift Instructions from 1Corinthians 13.

1. Without love, we’re just making noise (vv. 1-3).
2. Characteristics of love: humility, respect, etc. (vv. 4-7).
3. Love is eternal and even greater than faith and hope (vv. 8-13).

•Manifestation Gift Instructions from 1Corinthians 14.

1. We should desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy (v. 1).
2. Two Predominate Themes in this chapter:
 - A. The whole Church edified over individual edification (vv. 4-5, 12, 17, 26, 31).
 - B. This requires understanding (vv. 2, 5-11, 13-16, 18-19).
3. Prophecy edifies, exhorts & comforts, not rebukes (v. 3).
4. Paul goes on to give guidance for the use of the gifts.
5. People moving in gifts should be teachable & coachable.
6. The mature will accept Paul’s instructions (vv. 37-38).

CONCLUSION: Desire spiritual gifts; follow protocol.