

1 CORINTHIANS

Correcting the Church

“Spiritual Gifts, Part 4: What is So Great About the “Greater” Gifts?”

INTRO: Having explained love as “a more excellent way” to practice spiritual giftedness, Paul resumed his exhortation for the Corinthian church to *desire* the “greater gifts.” But why?

I. _____ are supernatural *endowments* graciously given to the _____ for her spiritual _____ and proper _____. These gifts are distributed by the Holy Spirit.

II. _____ churches pursue “_____” gifts at the expense of “_____” gifts. This was Corinth’s problem.

III. Desire the spiritual gifts of _____ and _____ (14:1-25). There are three reasons:

A. They _____ the entire church (14:1-5). While the practitioner of tongues was personally edified, its practice was incapable of building up others w/o translation.

B. They are not _____ upon another gift to be beneficial to all (14:6-19). Tongues required translation before others could benefit.

C. They function _____ in a church service (14:20-25). Tongues were primarily a **sign** (of judgment) to unbelievers; Prophecy is primarily for Believers.