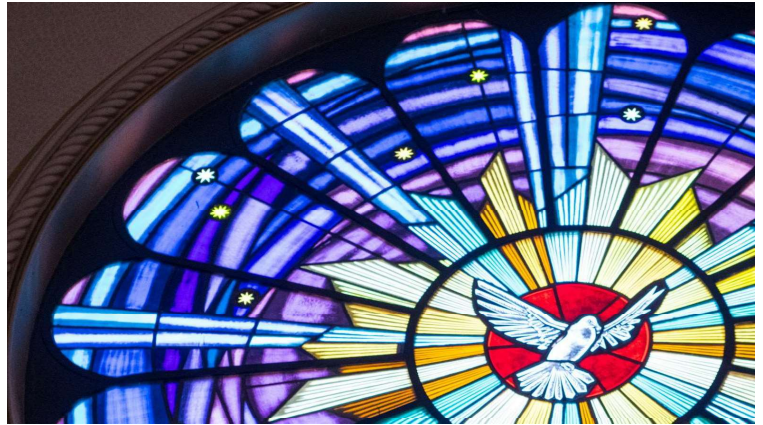




Message



‘Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.’ (1 Cor. 12:7, 11)

All gifted for the common good

‘A spiritual gift is when the Holy Spirit manifests His presence and imparts His power into and through individual believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity...’

so that they might faithfully and effectively fulfil certain ministry tasks for the building up of the body of Christ.’

(Sam Storms, Understanding Spiritual Gifts, page 20)


All gifted for the common good, yet...



‘To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge...faith...gifts of healing...miraculous powers...prophecy...

distinguishing between spirits...speaking in different kinds of tongues, and...the interpretation of tongues.’ (1 Cor 12:8-10)

All gifts still essential



All gifts still essential, yet...

‘...where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part,...

but when completeness [perfection] comes, what is in part disappears.’ (1 Cor 13:8-10)

‘Now eagerly desire the greater gifts...Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.’ (1 Cor 12:31; 14:1)

All gifts still essential

Called to ask



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yet...



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1 Corinthians 12:1-11