



NOW CONCERNING
SPIRITUAL...

1 CORINTHIANS 12-14

- Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. (1 Cor. 12:1)
- A young woman from Ghana taking a Bible correspondence course asked, “Is it true that when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you behave like a mad person?”
- “Is The Holy Spirit For Me?” – Harvey Floyd



12:1-3

- The Spirit's influence is evident in the thoughtful confession of Jesus as Lord.
 - Not the mere saying of the words (Matt. 7:21; Acts 19:13-14)
 - John 6:44-45
 - Saying "Jesus is Lord" with understanding and meaning.

12:4-31

- The Spirit manifest Himself not in one particular gift, but in the helpful use of whatever gift one has.
 - Vs. 4-11 – key words “varieties” and “same”
 - Vs. 12-31 – key words “one” and “many”
 - Vs. 15-16, 21 – none inferior, nor superior
 - Dorcas & Barnabas

- The Spirit of God is shown in love.
 - Vs. 1-3 – no gift has any value without love
 - Vs. 4-7 – Love is not an explosion of emotion but it controls emotion – it seeks to do good
 - Vs. 8-13 – Gifts are temporary, love is permanent.



14:20

- The Spirit works in conjunction with the mind, not at a “deeper” level than the mind, not in bypassing the mind.
- And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (Lk. 10:27)
- We serve God with the total person



14:37

- The Spirit promotes respect for scripture.
- We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
(1 Jn. 4:6)



14:40

- The Spirit brings order and decorum – decency, propriety
 - Edification requires a thoughtful atmosphere, free from confusion (vs. 33)
 - Disorder is the antithesis of God's nature