

“You Are The Body Of Christ”

How The Spirit In The Word Empowers The Church

Numbers 11; 1 Corinthians 12

“The Lord Jesus Christ has clothed his Church with power and authority. This authority is vested in the whole membership of the Church, which has the right to choose its officers from among those of its own members who possess the scriptural qualifications” (*RP Testimony 25.6*). Our God has ordained a division of labor, the burdens to be shouldered, and His Spirit to enable His servants. See Christ in the actions of your leaders. Hear his voice in their words. Live in the blessings of oversight and service of the Church.

I. The Holy _____ will _____ on those Christ calls to _____ in his church (Nu, 11).

1. The LORD took the Spirit that was on Moses, and put _____ on seventy _____.
2. As soon as the Spirit _____ on them, they prophesied for a short time.
3. Moses prays for the day (v 29) when all God’s people will _____ because the Lord has “put his Spirit upon them.” (see Joel 2:28). This is fulfilled in the New Covenant (Acts 2:4) when in fact the Spirit “_____” within **all** TRUE believers (Rom. 8:9, 11).

II. The Spirit is _____ in various manifestations for _____ good (1 Co. 12:4, 7).

1. A _____ of “gifts” are given, but they all come from the _____ Spirit.
2. Our God (and specifically the Spirit, v 11) _____ each one “as he _____.”
3. We may not _____, but informally and officially through our _____ care for the needs of one another (v 25). We _____ together and _____ together.

III. Earnestly desire the _____ gifts (1 Corinthians 12:28-31)

1. “The _____ gifts” means those that do more to _____ up the Church (1 Cor. 14).
2. The apostolic foundations, prophetic _____, and teaching _____ of the visible Church are vital in any human society. Yet we can all pursue a more excellent way (1 Cor. 12:31) in seeking to build up the Church in our prayers and _____.
3. Labor to be a “_____” like your elders and deacons. Pray for (1 Th. 5:25) and honor your leaders (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24). Focus together on the common good. Prepare to elect one elder and two deacons April 18.