**Gifted for Ministry – 1 Cor. 12**

1. **God the Holy Spirit honors the Lord Jesus Christ – 12:3**

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1. ***There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit – 12:4***

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit*

*Varieties = distinct gifts from different distribution of gifts to different persons*

1. ***There are varieties of ministries and the same Lord – 12:5***

*There are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord*

*Ministries = ministries who meet the needs of others*

1. **There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons 12:6**

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*Effects = gifts that produce results or works*

*Spiritual gifts are the work of the Holy Sprit within each believer*

1. **To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good – 12:7 - 10**

*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*

*Manifestation = demonstration of the work of the Holy Spirit in each believer for the common good of the church*

1. **The Holy Spirit is revealed in actions of the Spiritual gifts – 12:11**

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1. **The Holy Spirit distributes to each believer individually their spiritual gifts according to the will of the Holy Spirit – 12:11**

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1. **The church is one body of Christ with many members in the body of Christ - 12:12**

*For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ*

1. **The Holy Spirit unites all believers into the one body of Christ – 12:13**

*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we will all made to drink of one Spirit*

1. **The body of Christ is not one person but many persons joined together – 12:14**

*For the body is not one member, but many*

1. **Every believer in the body of Christ is essential to the health of the body – 12:15 – 20**

*But now there are many members, but one body – 12:20*

1. **Every believer needs every other believer in the body of Christ – 12:21 – 26**

*But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.*

1. **Every member life affects the condition of the body of Christ – 12:26**

*If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it: if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it*

1. ***Believers are the body of Christ and individually members of it – 12:27***

**Blessed be the tie that binds**

1 Blest be the tie that binds   
our hearts in Christian love;   
the fellowship of kindred minds   
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne   
we pour our ardent prayers;   
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,   
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,   
our mutual burdens bear,   
and often for each other flows   
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,   
it gives us inward pain;   
but we shall still be joined in heart,   
and hope to meet again.

5 This glorious hope revives   
our courage by the way;   
while each in expectation lives   
and waits to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,   
and sin, we shall be free;   
and perfect love and friendship reign   
through all eternity.