

# Sermon Outline

## MEASURING SPIRITUALITY | Paul Harrington

Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### What make someone spiritual?

#### 1. Gifts as a measure of Spirituality?

1 Corinthians 1:7 Therefore you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

1 Corinthians 3:1 Brothers and sisters I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere infants in Christ.

- The 'Spirituality' test

1 Corinthians 12:13 For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:3 ...no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says 'Jesus be cursed', and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

#### 2. But what about 'Spiritual gifts'?

##### a. Looking more closely

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit... (NIV)

- Literally – ' Now about Spiritual things/matters...' not until 12:4 that 'gifts' appears
- The only place in the NT where the phrase ' Spiritual Gift' occurs is Romans 1:11.

##### b. Where do gifts come from?

Ephesians 4:11 Christ himself gave the apostles, prophets,, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers...

Romans 12:6 We have different gifts according to the grace given us (by God v1)

##### c. ' Spiritual gifts' v 'natural gifts'?

