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Empowered by God's Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1. Read the verses above. Discuss the various gifts and what they are about and Allan's comment - "We need to increase our desire for the gifts -while we decrease the distraction of the gifts".
2. Much of God's activities in the old testament was with the leaders and often related to building new temples - three different structures and God filled leaders/artisans with his spirit to do this. Contrast this with what did God do after Jesus resurrection - what was His new plan and how did He empower people to serve Him? How did hearing this make you feel regarding your relationship to God and your own life and service for Him? Share stories about how your relationship and service for God has changed as you received His gift[s]?
3. Read Romans 12:6-8 and compare the gifts with those in Corinthians - how many did you identify? Why did God give all of these gifts [and there are more - about 20 in the New Testament] and did He give one or multiple gifts to some people and non to others or was He selective- if so do we know why? What are the dangers of people receiving certain gifts and can it lead to dissention in the church? What are the requirements Jesus wants from us if we are to use the gifts he gives us wisely?
4. Discuss what is happening to the church- today are we seeing people becoming more or less empowered to serve Him and prepared to step out in faith and do big things for God?
Discuss why did Allan say "Don't confuse humility with apathy"?



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