

**IGNORANCE OF SPIRITUAL THINGS CAN HURT YOU**  
(1 Corinthians 12:1-3)

• **Three things to remember about the Corinthian church:**

- 1) This church was \_\_\_\_\_, lacking no spiritual gifts. (1:5-7)
- 2) This church consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ who were characterized as being \_\_\_\_\_. (3:1-4)
- 3) This church was loaded with many \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians)

• **What is 1 Corinthians 12-14 all about?**

- 1) 1 Corinthians 12 deals with the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual gifts amidst the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Body of Christ.
- 2) 1 Corinthians 13 deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the exercise of spiritual gifts which are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) 1 Corinthians 14 deals with proper \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of speaking in tongues in contrast to the gift of prophecy.

• **Principle to remember:** The possession of certain spiritual gifts is not necessarily an evidence of true \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. The CONCERN of Paul.** (12:1) *“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant”*

1. The phrase, *“Now concerning”* (peri de) is Paul’s method of introducing a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The word translated “spiritual” (pneumatikon, not charisma) refers to \_\_\_\_\_, including spiritual gifts, but not limited to them.
3. Paul’s great concern for these believers centered around their \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual things.

• **Principle to remember:** Being \_\_\_\_\_ regarding true spirituality and spiritual gifts can \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**B. The COUNTERFEITS of their PAST (12:2) “You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led”**

1. Paul reminds these believers how they were \_\_\_\_\_ prior to coming to faith in Jesus Christ.

2. Prior to their salvation, these individuals had been involved in religious practices that involved being \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, however they \_\_\_\_\_.

• Their prior pagan practices involved mystical experiences called: 1) " \_\_\_\_\_ " (supernatural, sensuous communion with a deity) 2) " \_\_\_\_\_ " (involving divination, dreams, revelations, and visions).

• **What is *mysticism*?** Mysticism is the false belief that encourages its adherents to possess a deeper or higher \_\_\_\_\_ based on some personal \_\_\_\_\_, subjective \_\_\_\_\_, inward \_\_\_\_\_, or extra-biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

• How does mysticism express itself in our day (A few examples)?

- Being “ \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit”
- Holy Ghost \_\_\_\_\_
- Holy Ghost \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit
- Speaking in \_\_\_\_\_
- Inaccurate \_\_\_\_\_

• If these visions, revelations, and experiences do NOT come from God, where do they come from? What is their authority? (Colossians 2:18)

- \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- Not the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

• What is their final authority?

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God but personal \_\_\_\_\_ or extra-biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Principle to remember:** When the Holy Spirit controls a person, he is not \_\_\_\_\_ or out of control, for the fruit of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal.5:22-23)

• **Principle to remember:** True spiritual gifts can be \_\_\_\_\_ through human or demonic means.

