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The Truth about Spiritual Gifts (Part 1) (1 Corinthians 12:1-10)

1. The word “charisma” literally means “grace endowment” and is translated into English as “spiritual gift”. (1)
 - God gives it out of his grace (not earned)
 - It is not like our concept of a gift. It is given to facilitate God’s grace to another, not to benefit the recipient.
2. It is important for us NOT to misunderstand God’s will for giving “spiritual gifts” to believers. It is not a mystery. (1)
3. The Holy Spirit will never give someone a spiritual gift that causes them to speak or act in a way contrary to God’s Nature or to what is written in the Bible. (2-3)
4. Understanding our spiritual gifts will lead us to our area of service which will enable our helpfulness in the lives of others. (4-6)
5. Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift. (7)
6. Spiritual gifts are given to serve and edify others. They are not given for personal benefit or for public admiration. (7)
7. No one person receives all the spiritual gifts. (8-10)
 - God does not build “rock stars”.
 - God does build teams.