

THE GIFTS OF GRACE

Welcome: How well do you know one another in your Cell?

The Cell Facilitator will give you the name of one of the members of your cell; keep the name a secret! During the week, pray for that person, and come next week with an inexpensive gift which you believe he or she would find useful.

Word: The Gifts of Grace (Gifts of the Spirit) are like tools, power tools, or God's power in action, released into our lives as we find ourselves in situations that require them. The tool box is made available to the Church, so that the Lord's work can continue.

What are the tools (Gifts)? Nine are listed in 1 Corinthians 12 v8-10
Read the descriptions of the Gifts , listed separately, selecting examples from scripture, and sharing your own experiences.

Questions 1) To whom are the gifts of the Spirit given and for what purpose?

2) Who decides what each man's gifts of the Spirit will be? (1 Cor.12 v11)

3) We are encouraged to ask for the gifts (1 Cor.14 v1) but not for their own sake, or for selfish reasons. Why not? (1 Cor.14 v12)

4) In what ways is the Church strengthened when the gifts are in general use?

Worship: the gifts bring a closer intimacy with God and with one another. Let us thank and worship the Lord for His amazing grace, wisdom and love.

The gifts of the Spirit only operate in people who have been baptised or filled with the Spirit. Now is an opportunity, if the Lord has never used you in this way, to ask Him to fill you for the first time with His Spirit. Allow time to be still, and receptive, in His presence. (It may be appropriate to lay hands on those seeking a first filling).

Or ask Him to refill you with His Spirit

("Be being filled with the Spirit" Gk – Eph 5 v18 – its an ongoing process)

Witness: Pray for a strong, powerful church, and effective individual witness .