

THE ORDER OF GIFTS
I COR. 12:28-31

Introduction:

- A. The church is a human body.
 - 1. It has members, gifts.
 - 2. They are for the bodys sake.

- B. The order of gifts as they were set in the church.
 - 1. Not necessarily in order of importance.
 - 2. The three gifts are, Apostles, Prophets, & Teachers.

I. THE ORDER OF GIFTS IN THE CHURCH. U28

- A. It is God who sets them in the church.
 - 1. "and God hath set some in the church."
 - 2. God set in each church what it needed.

- B. "first Apostles." Matt. 10:1-
 - 1. This is a special messenger.
 - 2. The twelve only, no qualifications, job description.

- C. "secondarily prophets."
 - 1. These are the forth-tellers.
 - 2. They are God's "will-expressers."

- D. "thirdly teachers."
 - 1. teachers = didaskalos = instructor, a teacher.
 - 2. Distinct from "keouks" - herald, "euangelistes" = evangelists.

- E. "after that miracles." Acts 8:5-24.
 - 1. dunamai - mighty workers.
 - 2. Doers of mighty things.

- F. "then gifts of healing."
 - 1. healing = hiama - healing.

2. The complete act, the result or product.
 3. The thing done, not started, the product.
- G. "helps" = antilepsis - the receiving of a fee, then a laying hold of with a view to help.
1. Giving assistance.
- H. "governments" = kubernesis - a steering, piloting.
1. The idea is that of guidance, not rules
 2. A divine gift to guide the church.
- I. "diversities of tongues." [tapes]
1. The ability to speak in many languages.
 2. An ability not gained by study!

II. THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ALL HAVING THE SAME GIFT.

- A. They do not all have the same gift.
1. v29,30.
 2. They do not need them.
- B. The illustration recalled.
1. v14-20.

III. THE BEST GIFTS. V31

- A. "but covet earnestly the best gifts."
1. covet = ksegoo - to be zealous, to be eager for.
 2. best = kneisson - stronger, more powerful.
- B. "and yet show I unto you a more excellent way."
1. excellent = katauperbole - a throwing or casting beyond, a surpassing, super-excellent.

