

April 19, 2020

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Some titles of gifting

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:28-31 Compare: Romans 12:6-8 and Ephesians 4:11-16

A detailed dialogue about tongues and the gift of prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1-25 Comparison of the gifts of prophecy and tongues.

April 12 2020 The Most Excellent Way!

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Please share specific miracles, stories or parables (that stand out in your mind) from Jesus life on earth that fulfill Paul's teaching about doing things in the most excellent way of love?

Below are some examples that came to my mind:

Matthew 15:21-28 (testing a Gentile woman's faith)

Mark 9:28-31 and 38-41 (teaching his disciples about God's power)

Mark 10:17-31 or Matthew 19:16-30, especially verse 21 (rich young ruler)

Luke 10:38-41 (at Martha's house)

Luke 19:45-48 (Jesus clears the temple and afterwards)

Luke 22:20-28→John 13:3-7 (the last supper servanthood)

Luke 24:13-32 (on the road to Emmaus)

April 5, 2020 Spiritual gifts are given for the common good.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Compare: 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 and Hebrews 2:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:13-16; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy: 1 Corinthians 12:31; **14:1, 3-5, 12, 31, 39a.**

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[Time did not allow us to cover bracketed topics on April 5, 2020]

March 29, 2020 Examining ourselves before the Lord's Supper.

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Last week we highlighted:

The discord that was going on in the Corinthian Church (1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:1-9 and 11:17-19) and a similar dispute that occurred immediately after Jesus shared the bread and wine with the 12 Apostles (Luke 22:24-30). Jesus settled the dispute of "who was the greatest among his disciples" by example. He washed the apostle's feet as recorded in John 13:2-17. He showed them it wasn't about who is the greatest but about how we can serve and refresh others.

We looked at the spirit and tenor of the Passover meal and the Lord's Last Supper with his Apostles which are both precursors of the present day communion service. Therefore a similar tone and tenor should be present in our celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. The focus of the communion service should not be participation with