- SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 (NKJV, NASB)
- FIRST IMPRESSIONS:

What do you think is the subject matter of this chapter?

• PRELIMINARY REMARKS

- o **V1-3**
 - ++ V1 ~ I do not want you to be *ignorant*
 - ++ V2 ~ <u>carried away</u> to these *dumb idols*, however <u>you were led</u>
 - ++ $V3 \sim$ no one can say that Jesus is Lord ...
- o **V4-6**

Diversities of gifts Same Spirit

Differences of ministries Same God

Diversities of activities Same Lord

- ++ Unity and diversity
- ++ Gifts

- ++ Ministries
- ++ Activities
- ++ cf. V7 \sim manifestation
- o **V7-11**
 - ++ V7 == personal to each, profitable to all
 - ++ V8-10
 - ++ $V11a \sim one$ and the same Spirit works all these things
 - ++ V11b ~ *distributing to each one* individually *as He wills*
- o **V12-31**
 - ++ V12 == the principle stated
 - ++ V13 == the reason why
 - ++ V14-19 == 1st error: *I do not belong to the body*
 - NB: V18

++ $V20-26 == 2^{nd}$ error: *I have no need of you*

NB: V24b-26

++ **V27-31** == Applications

Application #1: V27

Application #2: V28a

Application #3: V28b

Application #4: V29-30

Application #5: V31

O SOMEONE SAID...

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¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

⁷But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

¹²For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹If they were all one member, where would the body be?

²⁰But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, ²⁴whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, ²⁵so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? ³⁰All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? ³¹But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.