

# THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL LIVES

A STUDY ON 1 CORINTHIANS



**Building Project**  
**1 Corinthians 14:1-19**  
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**2 Timothy 2:2 - 2 To Timothy, my dearly loved son. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**2 Timothy 2:6 - 6 Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.**

**1 Timothy 1:18 - 18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the good fight.**



**Driving Question:**

**What has God uniquely  
gifted every individual  
member of His church for?**



1. To build up HIS Kingdom (Church).

1 Corinthians 12:1-5

1 Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. 2 For the person who speaks in another tongue is not speaking to people but to God, since no one understands him; he speaks mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the person who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouragement, and consolation**. 4 The person who speaks in another tongue builds himself up, but the one who prophesies **builds up the church**. 5 I wish all of you spoke in other tongues, but even more that you prophesied. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets **so that the church may be built up**.



## **1 Corinthians 12:26**

**What then, brothers and sisters?  
Whenever you come together, each  
one has a hymn (sings), a teaching,  
a revelation, another tongue, or an  
interpretation. Everything is to be  
done for building up.**



## *1 Corinthians 13:4-7...*

*4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, 5 is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*



*John 13:35 - 35*

*By this everyone will know that  
you are my disciples (True  
Christians) if you love one  
another.”*



## 2. To be *USEFUL TOOLS* for *HIS Kingdom* (Church).

*6 So now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in other tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you with a revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? 7 Even lifeless instruments that produce sounds—whether flute or harp—if they don't make a distinction in the notes, how will what is played on the flute or harp be recognized? 8 In fact, if the bugle makes an unclear sound, who will prepare for battle? 9 In the same way, unless you use your tongue for intelligible speech, how will what is spoken be known? For you will be speaking into the air. 10 There are doubtless many different kinds of languages in the world, none is without meaning. 11 Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker will be a foreigner to me. 12 So also you—since you are **zealous for spiritual gifts, seek to excel in building up the church.***



## 1 Corinthians 13:8-12

8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.



**1 John 3:2 - 2**

**Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him (referring to Jesus) as he is.**



### 3. To be BRIDGE-BUILDERS of His Kingdom (Church).

13 Therefore the person who speaks in another tongue should pray that he can interpret. 14 For if I pray in another tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with my understanding. I will sing praise with the spirit, and I will also sing praise with my understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you praise with the spirit, how will the outsider say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? 17 For you may very well be giving thanks, but the other person is not being built up. 18 I thank God that I speak in other tongues more than all of you; 19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to teach others also, than ten thousand words in another tongue.



*All Spiritual Gifts are used and exercised as building instruments of God's love, so that with understanding, the gospel of Jesus Christ would be communicated to a person's life in a way that the human heart would be enlarged by the reality of who Jesus is, what He has done, and what His eternal promises are for us.*