

- (6) Helps = Some in the Church are given special concern, compassion, and the ability to assist the needy or in other capacities such as janitors, benevolence, secretaries, treasurers, amour bearers, and even assistant pastors. ---In other words; helper; mercy; aid; one who supports.
- (7) Governments = Administrators, pastors, and leaders, who operate in the Church with the anointing to guide and rule
- (8) Diversities of Tongues = The power to speak, on all necessary occasions, languages which they have not learned.

THE BEST GIFTS (I Corinthians 12:31)

At this point Paul seems to contradict himself. In verse 11 (of I Corinthians 12) the apostle had stated that the Spirit was at work in the Church, “dividing to every man severally as he will.” Again in verse 28 he has declared that it was God who “set some in the Church.” Both of these statements indicate that the gifts are sovereignly bestowed at God’s will. Yet now Paul tells the Corinthians to **covet earnestly the best gifts**. Here are reflected the parallel truths of the sovereignty of God and the free will of man.¹

Paul had earlier shown that all of the spiritual gifts were needed. But this does not deny that some are more important than others at any given time.

God will always manifest the most needed gifts

1- Beacon Bible Commentary, Romans I and II Corinthians, p. 437.

that suit Him, in any assembly of believers.

We should all “burn with zeal” to be used by God in any service; and pray that God would use whomever He desires.