

WHEN THE SPIRIT SHOWS UP ¹

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Tooling Up To Change The World, Part 3

MAIN IDEA: Each time we gather, God's Spirit shows up, and wants to use each of us to reveal something of God's fullness in our midst. The Spirit, in our midst, expressed through us!

TARGET: God wants us to ask him to use us to bless and build up others, using the spiritual gifts, paying attention as the Spirit prompts us and jumping in!

¹ Now about things of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 12:1-3**

You will know someone's prophesying is from God by its CONTENT.

*always agree with what God has revealed in the Bible
exalt, acknowledge or reveal Jesus.*

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts [*charismata*, gracelets], but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working [*energizing*], but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. **1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

**God is there in all his fullness! Father, Son & Spirit.
God completely involves himself in our midst!**

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **1 Corinthians 12:7**

"Each one" means that we are all on the playing field.

"Manifestation of the Spirit" *"something is becoming visible"*.

The invisible Holy Spirit becomes visible through his gifts

"Is given"

1) Not rewards or trophies... they are gifts!

2) To give, not to keep.

Available to all of us all the time!

You are like a mailman.

"For the good of everyone"

ASSERTIVE and INVISIBLE servanthood.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

"Now eagerly desire the greater gifts." **1 Cor. 12:31**

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy." **1 Corinthians 14:1**

It starts by asking. It ends with God being revealed and others being blessed!