

# Love Never Fails

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...standing there by a greater faith, a control faith, Lord, one that does not waver, but one that stands unerring revealing Word of Almighty God, therefore growing more unto the perfect day. So Father, we commend ourselves to You, asking Your help believing we're receiving it in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. I'm going to go to 1 Corinthians 12: that's the thought...and It says:

- (1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- (2) (You) know that (you) were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as (you) were led.
- (3) Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God (called) Jesus accursed: and no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- (4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- (5) ...differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
- (6) ...diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
- (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- (8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- (9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- (10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; another the interpretation of tongues:
- (11) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (That's individual as he will.
- (12) For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
- (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; ...made to drink into one Spirit.
- (14) For the body is not one member, but many.

- (15) If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; therefore not of the body?
- (16) And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- (17) If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?
- (18) But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- (19) And if they were all one member, where were the body?
- (20) But now are they many members, yet but one body.
- (21) And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
- (22) (No), much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
- (23) And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.
- (24) For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.
- (25) That there should be no schism in the body; that the members should have the same care one for another.
- (26) And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- (27) Now (you) are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- (28) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- (29) Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
- (30) Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
- (31) But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Now, to begin with we want to see why this chapter was actually written. And It was written to correct abuses in the church. Now, it's negative actually not positive, that is in here there isn't always the telling of how to do things, but actually of how not to do things, because It is corrective.

2. Now, back in 1 Corinthians 1:10, It says:

- (10) Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among  
you; ...

And hold your finger there, and in 1 Corinthians 12:[25] "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members have care." So therefore, this gift situation in the church is negative, because it's schismatic, it's causing division. And he says, "that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." And you will notice over here again in 1 Corinthians 14: It mentions the gifts have to be judged, there had to be a proper judgment in the church.

3. Now, with that we go to 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, and you'll notice in here:

- (14) Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.  
(15) I speak as to wise men; judge (you) what I say.  
(16) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of  
the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the  
Communion of the body of Christ?  
(17) For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all  
partakers of that one bread.

Now, you hold your finger there, and we get over here again to chapter 12: and It mentions:

- (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, ...bond or  
free; ...made to drink into one Spirit.

And you'll see over here the same thing is said.

- (17) ...one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

In one place it is called drinking of the spiritual rock. In another place it's...over there It's also mentioned being baptized in the clouds and in the sea. And here It's being partakers of the manna, the bread. Now notice:

- (18) Behold Israel after the flesh: (now, this is what we watch here) are  
not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?  
(19) What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered  
(to) sacrifice to idols is any thing?  
(20) But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice  
to devils, and not to God: and I would not that (you) should have  
fellowship with devils.  
(21) (You) cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: (you)  
cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of (the) devils.  
(22) Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

4. All right, now back to 1 Corinthians 12:

- (1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you  
ignorant.

I want to read to you, now It said:

- (2) (You) know that (you) were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as (you) were led.
- (3) Wherefore (because you know that this doesn't have experiences, I) I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God (called) Jesus accursed:...(and so on.)

Now, **Way(?)** translation is a liberal translation and it goes like this from the rendering of the more what you'd call informal Greek that would bring you to a kind of a better idea today concerning the 'Charismatic's', or the 'charimata' what it is.

"I want that you have clear conception, you know that when you were heathen you used to be swept along by the impulses in beyond your control in orgies of those dumb idols. But there is no parallel between those frenzies and the breathing of the spirit. Therefore, I must impress upon you that no one who speaks **wrapped** in the spirit of God can cry accursed is Jesus."

Now, as Bro. Branham said on Jubilee, that...*"Anybody can say, Jesus is the Lord."* And the refraining him from saying this. But what it is he said, there has to be the manifestation, or the evidence that follows it, that Jesus is Lord, that what you're speaking is of the Holy Ghost. And that's what Paul is speaking here. They are so confused from being in what they were in, that they carried it over to what they understood to be reality. And yet they were not in the sense in true reality, and you've got the same thing right today. Now, on the other hand on one in his rapture can cry, 'our Lord is Jesus is Lord', except by be possessed of the Spirit.

5. Now, in 1 Corinthians 14:32,

- (32) And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

You will notice in the first verse from the literal 'Way' translation more liberal, the understanding was, that they were swept along and beyond control. And that is one thing of course that those spirits speaks through the individual, there would hardly be the possibility of anybody working himself up into something which would bring on a manifestation. And that's what is censored here, the working up of the individual into a place that would bring about a manifestation.

Now, this is the story of Pentecost in many places. Like I never got into it myself, but the idea was say Jesus, Jesus, Jesus faster, faster, faster, faster, faster. Now, Bro. Branham did come along and he did say he goes to a place and raises his hands like, "two and two are four, two and two are four, two and two are four."...fast, fast, fast, faster. But I know what he's talking about. I had that happen in my life and it's not what people think it is. It's the acceleration until the thought blows in, is blown into the proper place of understanding where you're in a place of revelation.

6. Now, he says here, *"There is no parallel between devil worship,"* which is a spirit, or into the realm of spirits and what is the realm of Almighty God. There is none whatsoever. In the first place revelation is got to come from a prophet. It's got to be delivered by a prophet. It's got to be given to an individual. "He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying." [Rev 3:22] But these people here were going back to their old experience and they were literally attempting to work themselves up into manifestation. And I'm not going to say categorically that I'm afraid there's just too much going on amongst us, that's why I keep harping and condemning what goes on in Pentecost, that you can't bring that into these meetings. Now, I've got a good idea that

there's some have come here with the idea of wanting more of a clout in the shout. And if we could just flounce around and show ourselves, well, "glory to God." Well, glory to God, "Shut up!"

Now, I'm lowering the boom, maybe the right people aren't even here, bring them in. But you better get your minds set straight, there is no comparison. Now, he's actually bring out here, and I'm going to read in Bro. Branham to show you devils can get in here. Right in this spot, there can be actually devils working. Now, I've read you the verses and showed you what these people were devil worshipers, they were idolaters. (See?) And it's simple for anybody with a background to bring into this Message what doesn't belong to there. And Pentecost is the worse of the works. Now, we just got to understand these things from Scripture. Then if we can get a little place where we can apply to ourselves, fine.

7. Now, I'm going to start reading, because I've got a lot of reading to do from 'Questions and Answers' [64-08-23] which bring out a lot of this, beginning on page 104, I'll just read it for you. [Taken from 'Word of the Hour.com']

[60] *Brother Branham, can Satan use a gift of tongues or prophecy in a person who has the Holy Ghost? (Well, that person was thinking) That's a good one isn't it? Yes, sir. If... It must be watched very, very close. If you'll notice in 1 Corinthians 14:29, who wants to put it down... See? The person who wrote this never signed his name; they just said, "God bless you." See? In 1 Corinthians 14:29 we find out that any gift in the church has got to be judged first.*

Now, there's got to be a danger if it's got to be judged. There's got to be a place...and Bro. Branham said, *"This is the most deceiving Age of all, the deceiving Age of all time."* There's nothing like it, because the Scripture says, "God Himself will bring the strong delusion." [2 Th 2:11] And remember when God wanted Abab, He said, "Who is going to bring the man to the place of defeat?" And a lying spirit said, "I will get in the mouth of the prophet and bring him to deceit." [1 Kg 22:22] And the lying spirit went right to the Word of God and twisted It, and said, "Hey, God gave you that land." God gave that land on condition, and the first condition was: "Exterminate what's in the land and they didn't do it, and don't you men dare to marry a women that's outside the tribe," and they did it. (See?)

8. That's why Bro. Branham said, *"There ain't no such thing as a marriage, unless you absolutely know that's the one for you, from God."* It was okay in the flesh years ago. A man could have a woman betrothed to him by the parents, and get her out of a certain tribe she was bound to be okay. But he went snooping on his own for a flesh pot, for his sexual gratification and he got it alright. And you wonder why it wasn't God Almighty was pleased, and Phinehas got a spirit went into a tent, and two people were copulating, an Israelite man, and a Midianite woman and he plunged them through with a spear and said, "Die, for what you've done." [Num 28:8] And God said, "Hallelujah, that's my kind of a man." Whew, listen that's pretty rough. Think you can bring adulteries from other churches and ideas into this Message? That's a bunch of nonsense.

Now, it says right here, now, they said, "We're going to find out. It's got to be judged, for you see, you have to watch, because evil spirits slip in."

I keep telling you about Dr. Cliff went up to Montreal, Bro. Smith I believe was the pastor up there in a great Pentecostal church, and Cliff was an outstanding bright individual. You'll

understand how smart he was, he's a man that made 'chiffon' pie. He worked for General Foods, ...?... company down here, and a very smart man, a chemist, what have you. Very fine Christian man. And he went up there and he heard several languages spoken, because he knew seven himself. He's fluent in seven languages. Five languages speaking in tongues in Pentecostal church, three were praising God and two were cursing God. Now, where's discernment? First thing necessary to have anything set up in a church is discernment.

9. Now,

*...spirits slipped in. Because remember, the rain falls on the just and the unjust.  
The same rain that was sent to ripen the wheat ripens the weed: the same water.  
How many knows that? Now, that ought to clear the serpent's seed to you  
then, how this son come. I'm trying to pick it out here to get it before my  
time runs out, but I can't find it: so, how that son was about the  
serpent's seed. See?*  
*God has a law. Now, on this, in this law of the spirit of Life you have to watch,  
because Satan slips in. Sure.*  
*Now Paul, when something was revealed to somebody, it had to have at least  
two or three judges before it could be told before the church.*

[61] *Now, also here I might bring this out. I see my... I don't think my Brother's  
here tonight, but somebody made fun of somebody leaving the Tabernacle  
and went down to Brother Junior Jackson's for a church. And said, "They  
went down amongst the 'dead birds.'" Aren't you ashamed to make  
a remark like that? Ever who you are, if you're my kid here in Christ,  
I'm ashamed of you. Don't do a thing like that. Junior Jackson is my  
brother. Don Ruddell is my brother. Well, the reason of it, because  
when I set the church here in a certain order, when I come  
back, to see if I could get the manifestation of the gifts, half of them  
pulled away from it. Because when you would start to speak, or  
preach, or something, it got... It was getting in such a place you could  
hardly preach 'less there was somebody spoke in tongues, somebody interpreting,  
somebody give the interpretation; half of it never even come to pass.*

[62] *Now, I believe in speaking in tongues. I believe in interpretation, but it must be  
something directly to the church, ...*

10. Now, he's got that backed up here where It says in chapter 12, but the manifestation is given to every man to profit with all. It's a complete profiting throughout the whole church, or forget it.

*Now, I believe in speaking in tongues. I believe in interpretation, but it must be  
something directly to the church, not, "The Lord is coming soon," or something--  
which is all right. But, "Don't use vain repetitions," Jesus said, "as  
heathens do. "It must be something. "Go, tell Brother So-and-so a  
certain thing he done and-- to get..." "Why, go tell...Sister So-and-so,  
when she did a certain thing down there the other day, she transgressed  
the laws of her husband's--the vow to her husband. Unless she makes  
this right the Holy Spirit will cut her off." There you've got **THUS**  
**SAITH THE LORD.***

It didn't say you say, "Thus saith the Lord," it said, "You've got, Thus saith the Lord." There's a big difference right there. Anything that comes to pass in the Spirit of God is 'Thus saith the Lord', but only the prophet, because they [say] 'Thus saith the Lord', something will occur. Because to Deuteronomy 18, you have to listen to Him. **[correction made]**

So therefore, you've got a lot of guys say they've got 'Thus saith the Lord', they don't know anything about 'Thus saith the Lord' at all.

Why, man I'd have to hear a Trinitarian one time and say, "Well, God's mixed up worse than I am, because He's God and He's supposed to be smart." You got a Trinitarian with 'Thus saith the Lord, you've got a Oneness with 'Thus saith the Lord', you got this one with 'Thus saith the Lord', that one with 'Thus saith the Lord' it won't work. Any man that's got 'Thus saith the Lord', you got to listen to him. So, you've only got one 'Thus saith the Lord'. Now, we've had it.

11. [Now:]

*Then bring that sin in. That's when we got a church like it was when Ananias and Sapphira come in. Then we got a church that stands solid. (That's when the gifts are operating right.)*

*"Oh," you say, "Brother Branham..." One guy, I told him that; he said, "Well, you put us too much on the spot."*

*I said, "Ain't I on the spot up there to strangers I never seen in my life? But I got faith and confidence in my God Who sent me to do this, and never one time has it been wrong or it never will be as long as it's God." That's right.*

Now, you see, it's instilling confidence in the people in the reality in what is real, and the continuity in what is real. (See?)

[63] *Not speaking in tongues and things like that... I believe that those tongues and people that got them gifts, if they're real genuine Christians and interested in it, they'll meet themselves together, because--and give the tongues and interpretations and see what they can do to further the Kingdom of God. They got a ministry of their own, but it don't belong here in the middle of the audience where the sinners are being dealt with and so forth. The Bible said, "They'll say you're unlearned."*

Now, you see, there again it was not a matter of telling them what to do, they were doing, they were wrong, and the approach was corrective and in the negative.

*Oh, "Sometimes they get so irreverent with it and--and so forth... Not our gang hadn't, but I let them go ahead awhile. And I said, "Watch it."*

[64] *Now, I told the brethren (There's witnesses here know this), I said, "Let it alone. After while I'll--we'll find out whether it's of God or not. If it cannot stand chastisement, it's a bastard child." That's exactly what the Bible said. And when the chastisement come, what happened? Did I tell you that long ago? See? Ask the pastor here. He said, "What about this and what about that?"*

*And I said, "Just let it alone. They're babies. We can't judge it, but watch when it really comes to pin down to the Word."*

12. Now, you're going to find on an old tape Bro. Branham said that you practice, as it were gifts. Now, here's the practice thing he's telling you about: How can you practice a gift, to see if

the gifts is going to improve you're going to get somewhere with it? How can you practice gift of Almighty God? How can you practice just a dollar bill? A dollar bill is a dollar bill. A gifts a gift. It's how you use it.

Now, if they were using it wrong, then they got to bring it under control. And if it was a genuine gift used wrong, then bring it under control will do something for the whole church. We'll watch when it comes to pinning it down to the Word. There's your...bring it up to the Word, to your practice.

Now, Brother Junior Jackson had a right to disagree with that. He wants his church... (Now notice the disagreement, he doesn't want it, we're going to be judged just throw it on the floor and everything goes.) The people all want to speak with tongues and things in the audience. That's Brother Junior's troubles; that's--that's up to him. But Junior Jackson believes this Message the same as the--any of the rest of us do. He's one of us. And it's not a "dead bird" to go there. Junior Jackson is a man of God that I love with all my heart. And is not here tonight, so I can really pour it on the way I want to.

[65] And Don Ruddell... I don't think Don's here he's got a church of his own. But if I seen every person come to this tabernacle, walk out and go to Don Ruddell, or Brother Parnell's, or any brother... they're our brothers here and fellow citizens of the Kingdom, I'd be so happy I wouldn't know what to do. I'd say, "Lord, fill this one back up again. Let's pour it out and fill up another one." I'd love it. I'd love to see those boys... They're my children. Now, J. T. or any of the rest of them don't have to believe just like I do; they don't have to do that. As I told you this morning, I don't even agree with my wife, or she don't agree with me. What if I went to table and Junior got apple pie and I got cherry pie. Brother, we're both eating pie; we can agree there, but... And we both preach the same Gospel. His church discipline...

[66] You know, Peter and Paul had differences, not in their doctrine, but the way Peter was behaving himself. They had a little difference here, but it never separated them. They were brothers. Why, sure we're going to have differences, not differences... I disagree with the Assemblies of God. I disagree with their systems, but there's a many Assembly of God man that's a precious brother. I disagree with the oneness doctrine, but there's a many of those men are precious men. I agree-- or disagree with the Baptists, with the Presbyterians and their systems, but in there, there's genuine Christians.

[67] Somehow or another this afternoon I picked up a telegram. I missed it. A brother, a Baptist preacher, said he would--had been seeking for a long time to come to a place--or get to a place where men respected God instead of respecting one another. (Now he had respect to each other of course, but you don't put...respect means you can't put people in the place of God here,) A precious brother comes to this church



said, "I'll take you to such a place."  
Baptist... see, they're scattered everywhere.  
their system, but I certainly love the party. So don't  
the brethren.

He was longing to get here: a  
I wouldn't agree with  
say that about

Now in here, these gifts are--got to be watched. No gift... Have to watch  
it. Satan can impersonate any gift. Look at these Beatles now going to  
impersonate Divine healing: filthy, dirty, rotten, borned out of hell. See?

13. Now, right here Bro. Branham is saying that there's things that are going to come absolutely in the realm of the gift area that God has allowed. Because you see the tares can be anointed, God will allow it and the person as filthy an individual as possible, and there's only one way that it's doing its work, is the same as the evil spirit came upon a prophet and did the work that must be done. God Himself bringing deception allowing the gifts to manifest to absolutely take people away. And they'll say, "Look it here, look what's being done over here. Look at this great thing here, look at that great thing there." And they'll say, "Well, it's got to be God." And so therefore, what it does is split the people. There is nothing definitive and unify in the gift ministry. It is the Word and the Word alone that is going to do it.

Now you say, "Well the Word scatters people." Well...that's in the sense that when the line in drawn by the Word, which was are you going to go? But then you see, they used gifts to pull away from the Word. That's what I'm saying here.

14. Now, we're going to go to page 122.

[107] *What is the evidence that a person is really filled with the Holy Ghost? John*

14:26: "When the Holy Spirit is come He will show you things to come." See?

He'll be a... He'll perfect it; manmades won't do it; and He is the Word.

When He the Holy Ghost is come, He will identify Himself in you with the  
Scripture. And that is the true sign the Holy Spirit is in you, because It  
is the Word. (Like we preached this morning.)

Now, look. What if you spoke with tongues? I just want to ask you that. Jesus  
said when the Holy Ghost come what He would do. And what if you spoke  
with tongues, jumped up-and-down, shouted, and everything else, then  
come to the Word; and I'd tell you baptism of--prove to you by the  
Scripture as I have, that the baptism using the title of Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost is absolutely misunderstanding the Scripture; nobody was  
ever baptized that way, and you go ahead and hang with it anyhow?  
Could you tell me the Holy Spirit's in you would do a thing like that?  
How can It deny It's own Word? (Now, that's what we're talking about,  
evidence.)

[108] *When I show you what's supposed to take place in this day, how that the Son*

*of man is to reveal Himself, and what He's to do, and all these Scriptures*

*that's been now, and then see Him come right down and identify, and you*

*hang right on to a denomination and say that you're borned again?*

*Could you make sense out of that?*

15. How could anybody joined to Almighty God ever go against that? A man that is truly joined to God absolutely has got to see the Word. Because It is the Word. (See?) Now:

*Could I tell my wife I love her, and have a date with another woman, and  
run around, and then tell her from my heart I love her? Do you think that'd be  
true love? Could she tell me she loves me, and while I'm gone away, her  
run around with some other man?*  
*That's exactly what Israel done to... You know the Bible there, how He said,  
"You have set your limbs apart and taken in every man that come by,  
and played the part of whoredom with Me; and I'll put you away in  
divorce." Exactly. What was it? You're committing adultery*  
*against your own body. And when a woman goes out and*  
*lives with another man, or a man with another woman, when*  
*they're married to them, they are defiling their own flesh.*  
*When a person says that he is a Christian and will absolutely*  
*deny the Scripture being right, he's committing adultery against*  
*the Body that he claims to be in.*

And that's what they were doing here. Because the dumb idols and orgies leads you to the sexual intercourse. Because an orgy usually is that. (See?) How can anybody full of the Holy Ghost believe in soul-mating? We had that in Canada, the west coast, they're right into it. Here this guy has all this soul-mating doctrine, he had the people living in abject sin.

16. Now:

*See, it's a mark of antichrist, so much that would deceive the elected if possible.*

See, getting people off the Word. And right today, the gifts are getting people right off the Word, because the Charismatic Movement is everywhere. Now, when the Roman Catholic church decides to promulgate it, you can see it's a pretty good bet for them. In fact the Roman Catholic pope, the last one said, (the one before this one, **said** two before this one) said, "Either the Roman Catholic is doomed if it doesn't take the Charismatic Moment, and all the priest should speak in tongues and receive the Holy Ghost thusly."

Now, this one here is the guy that's getting the money in. So, now we've got first of all the deceit, now we've got to where the gold is. So, we're coming right along beautifully. I'm going to write a letter pretty soon to Rome to get the pope out of America, I can hardly wait. [laughter] I told you if they wouldn't do something, I'd lobby for it, because I just can't buy this 'slovingly' way to doing things, it's too slow. [laughter] Too slow for me. [Bro. Vayle chuckles] No, I won't try to hustle up the prophecy, it's just that I really believe what the prophet said. I'm looking for it. (See?) This business they got a pope who says when you can go over and fish to Polish sausage on Friday, you ought to be able and get down to hamburgers which is American national dish in short order. All the way from pasta to Polish sausage.

17. [Now], 152, this is a long one: **[omit comment]**

[24] *Brother Branham, is it possible for one to have the baptism of the Holy  
Ghost and not to have the signs following, at least not until the--some  
future time and conditions appointed by the Spirit? Now, that might  
sound like a mixed-up question, but that's a good one, very good.*  
*See? Now, here gives me a little chance, that I find that's*  
*working with my-- my family here now (See?), I mean you, my*

*family, and the family out  
tapes go.*

*in the world where we--where our*

[25] *Now, a great part of my congregation is made up of Pentecostal people,  
and because Pentecost is the latest message that we have in the  
denominational ranks. And to me, I certainly agree with them more  
than any other denominational church. I hang towards the  
Pentecostal, because it's the later message. And all my converts  
that I bring to Christ, I try to direct them to some  
Pentecostal church. But I have condemned them in  
every way that I knowed how, that they were wrong in the  
Scripture by being a denomination and not willing to walk in Light  
when Light's presented to them.*

Now, of course Pentecost said they would always keep their eyes opened for Light, they just closed it, I got the proof, because I know the big-shot in Canada. See, I was right there when he said it.

*But yet, if I had to take my chance today to take any church in the world,  
I'd take Pentecostal when it come to denomination-ism . When it comes  
to individuals, as men and women, there's genuine Christians in all  
denominations: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutherans, and  
so on. But I'm talking about the systems that these people are in, never  
the individual, but the system that these people has been caught in  
by their denominations. Clearly understand that now (See?), that I  
think the people... If they're Roman Catholic, Jehovah Witness,  
Orthodox Jew, whatever they are, that doesn't matter to me;  
but they are individuals to which Christ died to save.*

18. Now, that's...he's getting rid of the system and getting to individuals now. So, his Message is not to any denomination, his Message is to individuals in the denomination if they want to listen. (See?) Now, he said, "*When the denomination pick it up, that's the time it's all over.*" Denomination always pick things up, see? Like Pentecostal, is all over...when other people start taking it. There was a time years ago when God bypassed some of their authoritarian doctrine, which was speaking in tongues. And many a saint was truly baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, because he believed it would happened. And they were taught that, and they got by with it. But just as soon as Light strikes, ignorance is finished.

So, he said, "Pentecost is the latest, so if I had to make a choice I'd hang toward them." Well, I'll be frank with you, (we'll I don't know if I would or not,) I'm not exactly sure I'd go back, go to Pentecostal church. I simply can't stand their doctrine of falling away, I'd sooner go one of those better Baptist churches myself, at least understand the security doctrine, election. And some of those ones at least take you back (you know) to begin to see some of the things that are deep in the Spirit of God. Because after all, what people think are deep in the Spirit of God are not manifestations. Really. Because there's manifestation all over here, but get behind the manifestation, what's really there. That's what really counts. And we're getting behind what's really there when we talk about false anointed at the end time and watch for gifts where the devil can enter right in.

I'm not trying to scare anybody here. What I'm trying to do is to show you what 1 Corinthians 12 was written. (I won't even get to what really I had in the back of my mind, again as to the danger of schisms and all.)

19. Now:

[26] *And agreeing with their systems that they're in... I believe there's just as many Christians out there in the Baptist, as there is in the Methodists, or the Presbyterians, or whatevermore.*

Now, that is what you call a Philadelphia lawyer statement right there. If there's one Christian in the Baptist, it might won the Presbyterian to that. But it sure sounds good when he says it, until you get right down, he says:

*They're Christians, real believers. And right out in the Roman Catholic church there's genuine people in there that's real men and women that love the Lord. (Didn't say, genuine Christians) And they don't join that church to be wrong; they join that to be right. But it's a system in there that directs their mind the wrong way. (Oh, that's their creeds and dogmas) And if ever comes to a time that I'd make a denomination, I have deceived you and have brought you into a system; far be it from me. And may God keep me in my right mind to direct you to Jesus Christ, the Word. Stay with That. See?*

[27] *But now, this person here is asking the question about the possibility of having the baptism of the Holy Ghost without signs following them. Now, it would... If you are born again you are--if you are born first as a human being and a normal human being... Now, I'm answering this in a--a real juvenile way of doing it. But if you're born a normal human being, you will actually do the things that a normal human being would do. (Now, that's right, is exactly right,) When you're born as a human, the natural traits of a human being will follow you. (You act like something else, something's got a hold of you. See?) You won't live in a tree, and try to fly with your wings like a bird, or something like that. That isn't--that wouldn't be a normal human being, the normal actions of a human being. The normal action of a human being would be to work, marry, have family, and do these things. That's natural, normal human beings, because you're born that. Then when you're borned a Christian, borned of the Spirit of God, you naturally take up the attributes of Christ. You see?*

20. In other words, there's that...Bro. Branham mentioned it's down in the soul, and it gives a nature to your spirit in life.

[28] *Now, if we took here this morning in this congregation where you people set here and listen day after day and so forth to the teaching, you'll find out you'd be different one from another, because you're different.*

Now, that's what it says over here. Everybody is different from each other in the body, and there's different things going on, but it's the same spirit. We're all human beings, all act different.

*You're made up different; appetites are different; you eat different; you all eat, but you all eat food....now... With one individual being just like the other one, you're different one from another. (In other words, you're all human beings, no difference there, but there's manifestation.) Christians do the same thing. You can't say, "Now, all..." Do all speak with tongues, do all prophesy, do all... See?*

It's right off the bat. If you're talking about the body, and you're talking about gifts and everybody couldn't speak in tongues as a ministry. Now anybody could as Bro. Branham said, "If you're truly filled with the Holy Ghost, there will come a time when you will speak with tongues." Because you want to praise the Lord and there's no way to do it, so, out of the inner most being like tongues, bellows, and gushing, like Finney had, you could speak in tongues. And he said, "I believe anybody who's really baptized will." But he explained how, that's got nothing to do with chapter 12 there. Because that's where they were into a service. Now see, you could not want ...?... to speak with tongues.

*You have to watch these things, because a Christian takes up the habits of a Christian; (see, and it takes up habits, what? of **other** Christians) and they live like a Christian. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe."*

Now, that's good on both sides, it's good on the bad side too. I mean, it'll come on the bad side, not it's good on the good side.

*Notice: "In My Name they shall cast out devils; take up serpents...drink deadly things; speak with new tongues." And them things just actually follow Christians.*

[29] *Now, the person has a very good thing here: "... or do we wait until the future time or the conditions appointed by the Holy Spirit?" I like that. See? Now, you get the idea? When it's appointed by the Holy Spirit... God appoints things.*

21. Now look, if God appoints every individual and every single ministry, and there's going to be a cohesive working of the Holy Spirit, He would have to appoint the time slot for the energy. Then how come they're all together, yapping and tongues everything else.

Now, we got more people that go latter rain in this Message than you'll believe possible. Then you wonder why I hit so many times in this church here, because I've got two very big ears and I'm on the road and I know what's going on. And believe me there is more Latter-rain going on than you can believe. They still haven't come out of Pentecost, or they're trying to bring Pentecost into this, you can't do it. You can't put a new patch on an old garment, it's got to be a brand new garment, and leave it that way. You can't put new wine in old bottles, it just won't work. And neither can you put an old patch on an old garment. (See?) Now, we don't want anything to mix-up in here.

22. Now:

*I think if the Pentecostal people would try (that listens to this tape), you'll understand me if you will get here why I differ with you pressing that idea that they must all speak with tongues. I cannot see that right, because it'd be... I like cherry pie, but there's no need... If I'm a human*

being...there's no need  
 cherry pie, you're not a human being."  
 just one of the habits of a human being. See?  
 disagree with me upon that, but--but it's true. Now, one will eat  
 this, and one will do something else.

[30] Now, the Holy Spirit appoints these offices, (it's exactly right) but when you  
 try to force yourself into it... (What if you tried to speak in tongues on your  
 own and wasn't for you? What if you tried to prophesied and it wasn't for  
 you? What if you tried anything and it wasn't for you?) If I said  
 you had to eat cherry pie, what if a cherry pie made you vomit? And  
 yet, you'd vomit and try to eat cherry pie and vomit, and...?... See?  
 You're---you're hurting yourself, and that's the way you try to do when  
 you try to force yourself to do something that's contrary to the Spirit.

That carried away in these dumb idols, you got to work it up. See? Let's have a real shout and  
 praising meeting. I'm all for good shouting and praise meetings.

23. But, you know what, our son Don used to go to Pentecostal meetings in Spencerville the odd  
 time, and we'd rebuke him for doing it. But he enjoyed it, he'd get up there and shout and dance  
 with the rest of them. He said, "Boy, (he said) that's great therapy." Now look you can let the  
 steam off by shouting and it's great. There is a place where you genuinely worship God and the  
 wheels begin to turn and you definitely will come away with new attitudes and strength, because  
 you deliberately let you hearts to praise the Lord. There is nothing wrong with that. But this here,  
 they're trying to work something up and bring into manifestation something. Sweeping along,  
 see? Trying to get somewhere. You're trying to force yourself to something that's contrary to the  
 Spirit.

He's got your life 'lotted for a certain thing. Do you understand...? See? And  
 you, when you're filled with the Spirit, here's one of the best signs I know:  
 you're so in love with Christ and believe every Word that He says to be the  
 truth. See?

Now, I tell you, anybody that begins to force themselves when it comes to gifts, always  
 leaves the Word. Their way of on the Word. See, now we've got something greater than the  
 Word.

That's the evidence that you have the Holy Spirit....your life's full of joy,  
 and oh, my, everything's different (See?) than what it used to be. That's the  
 Holy Spirit.

[31] Now, these gifts are in the Holy Spirit. (Now notice where he said they are,  
 in the Holy Spirit) Now, if this congregation this morning, this--just a nice  
 snug church full with... (The overflow rooms, filled up.) Just a... (Not  
 announcing we was going to answer these questions, but these  
 people have just come in.) Notice, if every person in here was in  
 perfectly harmony with the Holy Spirit, every one of you was filled  
 with the Holy Ghost and in harmony with the Holy Ghost, these signs  
 would be just a--multiplying among you all the time (See?); it'd just be  
 constantly going on. (Why? Because there's a naturalness,  
 see, to it.) But where there's confusion, where there's difference, where

*we set up, the Holy Spirit can't move itself. You see? It can't operate through the people. See?*

[32] *And there, if I said, "Now you, each one of you, did you speak in tongues?"*

*"Yeah."*

*"Well, you got It. "Did you speak in tongues?"*

*"No."*

*"You haven't got It." Now, I'm making myself a judge. God is the Judge of these things.*

24. Now, let's go back again. "But he that is spiritual judges all things, but he himself if judged of no man." [1 Cor 2:15] Now, I told you Bro. Branham was preaching the King James version in Twentieth Century vernacular. What I'm **repeating** here is nothing by the Word of God in Twentieth Century American-ise. And you can find It all in here. I've taken point after point, and I'm not too sharp at this, because I didn't really try to study It through either. But you can see the point I bring out, the coincide right with the Word. He doing nothing but giving you the King James version back and forth here.

*But watch, Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them." See? The groups that believe,...*

And I said once today I already tried to be a whirling dervish. Pentecostal wants everybody to be whirling dervish. You got it all. One person go it all. (I think you know about it Don, in **Way** bunch, it's the same way. Everybody speaking in tongues, everybody prophesying, everybody ...?..., everybody does it all wrong. Ninety-nine percent is simply goo-off of man, bunch of hogwash of man. And the other, (what?) seven percent. I'm not going to categorize it. I've been all through son, don't worry. I've warned him, and I've warned him day and night. And I said, "Get away from that stuff, it'll destroy you." And he went right to the wrong man out of America to get this stuff. He came **way**. I knew exactly where he would go. Now, lots of money, so he's right. Is it? (phfft!) [someone says Amen] Thank you, I wanted an Amen on that one.

25. I can tell you flat, your money will destroy you. Money will send more people to hell quicker than anything else. And that's exactly...and I've already preached this sermon and showed you money on 'Priorities'. [Four sermons in July 1978] How when Jesus Christ turned down the money, the Roman Catholic church took it up from the devil. And today the wealthy church will run it all with money.

So, a guy says, "I'm a millionaire. I'm a great servant of God." Aw yes, the greatest servant of God was William Branham, just like John Baptist and didn't have a radio broadcast, or nothing. They say, "Well, I'm going tell you, if he'd have had it, he'd have done more."

Then why didn't Jesus Who was God do more? Haw, they could never answer that one. [laughter] Tells you right here, the prophet saying the same thing. Says right here, he's just telling you. Signs follow them. (See?) The groups that believe.

*...the whole nature of the Holy Spirit flows through them, and they are all full of love and joy, and just a great bundle of real godly filled people.*

26. Now, let's just see this thing here: Diverse gifts, same spirit, different ministration ministries, different operations, the manifestation is for everybody. Then It tells you all the various...the nine manifestations, that's just some of them. "For as the body is one, and many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, so also is Christ. [1 Cor12:12] That's what he said.

Twentieth Century American-ise. Right? Sure it's right. (Well, you don't have your books, page 155 I'm on now, you remember that. All right, when you get home you read it. Now:

*And in there, they speak with tongues on the occasion that tongues arise (why),  
or necessary for that, they speak with tongues. And if there's a prophecy, it  
speaks. And oh, it's just exactly perfect every time.*

[33] *Ask those fifteen or twenty people that went in there on interview this morning  
if there was one word in any way, missed in any one way, and perfect strangers...  
What--the Holy Spirit dig right down in there, and give them things, and  
bring them right out, and tell it to them. See, see? There's not no  
mistakes in it. It tells them just exactly what this, and what this was, and  
what that was, and what this is to be done, and things like that, and...what  
they should do. See? That's just... Set it right in order. Now, we've got  
to act on that.*

[34] *The other night I was talking to a couple, and I was at a home where we was  
having a meeting, or just--was just setting around a table talking. And all at  
once, the Holy Spirit dropped among us, and I said to someone there, "I  
seen a certain man, and they said he was confused in his mind about  
some things," and I said, "like in the confusion in the discernment." I  
said, "Now, it's right here now." (Now, in other words, he  
didn't understand discernment.) "I know what you're  
thinking." And I went right back and just took a round about way and  
answered every question that man had in his mind to him, that  
he... Nobody knowed even what I was talking about but him. See? But  
he got it. He knowed what it was all about. See? And that was what to him?  
Showing him, confirming to him that the Holy Spirit was revealing to me what  
was on his mind. You see? I didn't have to tell it to the rest of them. The  
man's listening at me right now. Now, that's right. Now, you see how that  
is? That's a confirmation.*

[35] *Now, if the whole church would work in harmony like that...*

27. Now, you see, the harmony right there is helping the individual to get help, and not trying to be impressive to anybody else. See, that's why I said, "If you don't go in that room with the proper spirit, forget it.

*...taking up serpents, drinking deadly things, all kinds of things going on.  
But when you try to force that to individuals, then you get yourself... That's  
Pentecostal again. Then you get Babylon, confusion. (You know that you  
were heathen carried away into orgies. See?) You can't judge that.  
See? Our hearts are full of joy and happiness, oh, my, the birds  
are singing, Everything's wonderful, my, just full of the Spirit of  
God, and we're in love with Jesus, we want to pray all night. Now, I  
wouldn't embarrass this crowd, or even myself to you. But I wonder,  
if I could ask this morning which one in this crowd, or this people that  
had the Holy Ghost, it'd probably be ninety-five percent of you raise  
your hands that you had the Holy Ghost. Then I'll turn around and*



give you a Bible evidence--just one--a Bible evidence; and I doubt whether there'd be one or two hands go up. See? Just could--just tie it in such a place, but when you do that you're also hurting your congregation. But you've got to get them out of that babyhood and get them into manhood. See?

28. Now, practicing gifts. Is he talking about practicing gifts, he's talking about understanding gifts.

[36] Like someone wrote the question the other day, was up here, said something about Brother Junior Jackson. Somebody went down there, and said, "You're going down to the 'dead beans,'" (dead birds, I think, not dead beans) or some- thing like that. Brother Jackson... Because Brother Jackson's congregation, they let them speak with tongues just in the church. Wherever they feel the Spirit and want to speak in tongues, they just go ahead and do it. Well, that's Brother Jackson's church. That's perfectly all right. I've got nothing against that, not a thing. Junior Jackson's one of my best friends, and a real godly man, filled with the Holy Ghost... we're brothers. Now, **[end of side]** he don't have to eat my cherry pie, I can... Or I don't have to eat his apple pie (See?), but we're both eating pie. We both believe this Message exactly. That's the order of the church. I said, "I want my church to try to come together ..." I said... When we begin to break out here, the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues and so forth, I said... Somebody asked me, and said, "Now, Brother Branham, is all that genuine?"

[37] I said, "I'm no judge." I said, "Tell you what, let's bring it to a spot. Let it go awhile and bring it to the spot until the Word is presented on it. Then watch it. If It's the Holy Spirit, It copes right with the Word; if it doesn't, it won't."

29. Now, here's the thing we got to understand though, coping with the Word doesn't throw the gifts out. So, that's great I can shuck them off. I always wanted to get rid of those things. No siree, I show you in Scripture, just as long as there's a Bride here, you're going to have those gifts. It's got to know what to do with it. Let's get it down to where they're not gifts or simply manifestations for us. They are gifts, but let's talk about it being a true manifestation. Then you see, when you talk about that, then you can go to God backing His Word up, which is simpler and better. But it'll come out the same. Really, (you know) like Bro. Branham said, "If I call it foreordination instead of election, you'll take that, what's the difference." I can call a banana an orange, doesn't make any difference once you get the banana. So, it's going to be something that the Holy Spirit is doing, (See?)

[38] Now, in this speaking in tongues and so forth, I wish every one of you spoke in tongues. I sure do. And many times, good Christians... You see, if I tell you that was on the program... I found someone--not program, excuse me--on the interviews this morning. A person (I guess they're still here in the building.) that they... About speaking with tongues... The person is a genuine person, a real person, and they've lived right. And they've heard me say the evidence of the Holy Ghost wasn't speaking in

*tongues--and it isn't--but I advised that  
either speak in tongues or prophesy, because*

*person to ask God to let them  
it's the nature.*

30. Now, many times on the tape Bro. Branham would say this person wants to receive the Holy Ghost, but is a little fearful needs their faith bolstered, or let that person speak in tongues. Now, it's not wrong to do that. That would be a private thing between you and God someplace. (See?)

[39] *The first thing, I went to that person and found their birthplace, and what  
sign that they were born under, and could tell what their birth was. Which  
way it set in their natural nature sets them in a certain line. Then, when  
they're reborned again, they're over here in another nature. And then,  
when you find into this nature, that's the inside, in-conscience, inside  
conscience... The outside conscience moves you in one way; that's  
your natural birth. Then they'll make up something and it puts  
them what? Under a four, and puts them in a split condition. They don't  
know what to do. They'll say, "The Lord wants me to do this.*

Now, Bro. Branham speaking of the natural person, because he's got natural inclination. He's a human being, but he's under certain areas in his life what we call 'birth-path', and you can call it 'astrology' anything you want to call it, the 'cycles', your 'biorhythm', anything you want to call in there that person's nature. Actually will make him susceptible to a certain thing, even in the spiritual, which if he were otherwise he would not be susceptible to that.

31. Just like if a person is a prophet, he's born a prophet. A person is a teacher, he's born a teacher. A pastor, born a pastor. There's certain things in there you're born with. And if you try to force it, or get out of line you just hurt yourself. So, he had to go and find out what this person was like naturally, so that he could harmonize the spiritual with the natural. That's why...don't ever ask me to pastor, forget it. If I were to quit preaching tomorrow I can tell you one thing, I'd quit it period. Because I wouldn't pastor. I wouldn't mind being sometime if the Lord ever made me go someplace, once again to just see what happens if anybody would come in. It would be alright, but forever pastoring, forget it. I could play a tape the odd time, preach or some, you're on your own. I'm as unsuited in that as...You say, "Couldn't you do it at all?" Nope, I wouldn't do it at all. I'm not called to do it. There's just no use trying to make my thumb do what my little finger does, neither one seem to be too hot. None of them seem too great even together. But I sure like my thumb and little finger just the way they are. (See?)

32. Now,

*"The inside, "Oh, I just know it's to line up with the Scripture." And they'll  
start to do it, and the first thing you know, Satan on this outside will show  
them all kinds of defects in it. And then they say, "Well, I guess..." See?  
They listen to Satan. You've got to take that inside something, that  
what's on the inside of you that's Scriptural. And don't let Satan  
stand anywhere. It's his duty to stand there and pound at you  
like that. But don't you listen...*

In other words there's a conflict in the human **life**. And we're apt because of conflicts to listen to Satan and get pulled away.

*But that person I told them. They said, "Well now, if I could be sure of  
having the Holy Ghost." See? A dandy person, real loyal person with*

the Holy Ghost, but it would be good for her to say, "Father, just give me this for something to stand on." (See, talking about, she wanted something necessary, a little extra.)

[40] Now, if I taught it like that, people would reach out and get ahold of that without having what that person's got?

Now, everybody, maybe everyone sitting here this after...?... "That's sounds great, now maybe I'll ask the Lord to let me prophesy or let me do something and that will let me know that I got the Holy Ghost." And Bro. Branham said, "That's exactly wrong." You see, well how could he say to that person? Well that's up to the prophet, that's between him and God.

33. Now if talk like that, see now:

*The Holy Ghost does speak with tongues, but you got to have the Holy Ghost first before It can speak with tongues. Now you get it? So, if you reach out and get ahold of a gift of speaking in tongues without...(now he ends it)*  
Now remember, that can be a genuine gift; (in other words, you can have gift with- out the baptism with the Holy Ghost, genuine gift) *that could be the Holy Ghost speaking in you with unknown tongues, and you'd be lost and go to hell. The Bible said so. You believe that? Would you like to have Scripture on it? You want Scripture; raise your hand. "Though I speak with tongues as men and angels (is that right? Both the one that can be interpreted and that cannot be interpreted, genuine Holy Ghost tongues), I am nothing." See, unless that other goes with it. You can have this, so don't reach after that without this.*  
(In other words, don't reach out for a gift, without the Holy Spirit first.)  
*Get this first, the Holy spirit and then that'll actually follow it. (Providing it's your nature, and providing you're set in that place for it.)*

What if everybody against their nature just got talking in tongues, or try to prophesy? How in the world could the work of the Holy Spirit ever get ahead? (See?) So, it's a fallacy to ever teach, which was the Joe Stiles method. And Joe Stiles said, "Look, the Bible said, 'I would that you all spake with tongues'." Wonderful, let's all talk in tongues. Then Joe Stiles said, "But also the Bible said, 'Who speaks in tongues should have prayed and interpret'." Everybody can interpret.

34. But the Bible also said, "The prophecy is greater, so we'll all prophesy." Now, that's exactly what Joe Stiles taught. The minute I heard him teaching I told my good buddy Freddy Dobson, I said, "Freddy, (I said...I wasn't preaching myself at that time I'd gone to work, I said,) look, (I said) Freddy, there's something rings a bell, and something doesn't ring a bell, there's something wrong somewhere." And I saw that thing grow. And I went back in the ministry within two years, and I saw that thing grow and I myself was discerning and all, and I fought it. I said, "There's something wrong somewhere, it doesn't ring a bell." This Message rings a bell, nothing else rings.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, you've authority?" Yep! I'm an authority on that, I've been through it. I'm authority within my own self on this subject, I have been through it. And I've watched it. And I've seen where it's all gone. And I watched the prophet, and I saw where that went. And believe me they are apart as the polls are a part. Don't ever think that you can ever get to the North Pole and the South Pole together, you're not going to do it.

35. Now remember, it can be a genuine gift.

[41] *Now, the rain falls on the just and the unjust. The sun shines on the wicked and the good. The rain falls to ripen the crop; (you know that?)*

The rain falls to ripen the crop. Did you ever see the nice rain come and the crop turn to goldie brown? It's pretty, I saw it. This year I saw it out of a window up over there in Covington, it was very nice, farmer's crop there and I was glad to be home. I could see the crop coming every day, and I was just thrilled to see the crop coming up. And I'd see the rain would come and the crop get better. And pretty soon a rain came and the crop started to turn gold. It's pretty than ever. The rain just made it turn to gold. Then I saw those weeds at the same time as the crop started to turn to gold, my those weeds got so green, and so luscious, oh they were just spreading over the whole place.

And I said, "Whoopee, another evidence, look it right there, what's going on in the world." When we're starting to ripen up toward God, the tares are bigger than ever on the same rain. And then it wasn't too long afterward, about time for the crop to be taken off, I turned around and here those weeds were all in beautiful white hair now, ...?... they're right there for the binding, and the thrashing. I'm going to tell you something, they got separated too.

36. Now:

*The sun shines on the wicked and the good. The rain falls to ripen the crop;  
ripens the weed also: the same rain. The Holy Spirit can fall in a group of  
people, and speak in tongues, and make it exactly true, sprawl in amongst  
the people, make it prophesy, and be exactly true. That's exactly  
right. Sometimes you can go to a witch or a medium, and they  
can say something exactly right. Look at the witch of Endor. It could  
be exactly true; that still isn't it. They're witches. Speaking in  
tongues, I've seen devils speak in tongues, and write in unknown  
tongues. That don't mean anything. But the real thing is that Word  
again. Back to that Word. (And that is the truth.) So you can  
do these things without the Word. But when you get the Word, and It does  
it, then watch it just exactly come to pass, exactly the right thing. See?  
Then you're exactly in line.*

[42] *Yes, the Holy Spirit uses these people as it's appointed by His own Divine  
wisdom. (That's what he got right over here) But the first thing...Now, what?  
Let me just give you a little twister here just a minute. I'd say, "How many  
has the Holy Ghost?" All of you raise up your hand. I'd say, "All  
right, I'll see if you have." The Bible said that they that had  
the Holy Ghost they sighed and cried day and night for the  
abominations done in the city. Now, how many hands would go up?*

Well, I think quite a few amongst us would. In my own personal life I've often threaten if the Lord doesn't pull the pin, I'm going to. [Bro. Vayle chuckles] You know, Luther was the same way. Luther said he can't understand how God puts up with it. If he was God, he'd just destroy the whole thing. That was back in the first stage of the reformation. Things were just shaping up to get bad. Wait until I preach on sometime and show you how bad things really are, and how it is working out. You wonder why certain things are going on, and you tear your hair on what's

going on. I'll tell you what's going on, and why what's going on. But I'm not ready, right ready for that little message, simple as ABC, it's all there.

*How many of you can't rest at night, so full of joy and the power of God,  
and so sad for the people that's lost, that day and night you weep and cry  
for the abominations? You won't... See? Who would be that in the city?  
How many of that's in the church? That's what the Bible said the  
Holy Spirit evidence was.*

37. That was back in Ezekiel, those that had the inkhorn mark, they were sighing and crying. And they just couldn't stand it, ...?... righteous Lot, vexed his soul day by day in that city. (See?) Bro. Branham called this a pest house.

[43] *He told the sealing Angels (Ezekiel 9, that's right), He said, "Take... Go  
through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the  
abominations did in the city. The rest of them, let the destroying Angel  
destroy them."*

Now, you hit that brother/sister with the evidence of the Holy Ghost, Bro. Branham's right on line. Because the people that get taken out of here are the sealed in ones. My understanding is that death hits, and that's it.

*No matter how much members they was and how many of the things they  
done. Now, put a man with a ink horn dressed in white (which represented  
the Holy Spirit) came forth and put a mark upon all them that sighed and  
cried for the abominations done in the city. Now, you say... And  
watch what he said in there also. "slay utterly, little children, old  
women, babies, kill them all." Little children? Yes. When Joshua  
entered the land of Canaan, he said, "Don't you let one of them live.  
If it's a cute little baby, a little Amalekite, or a Amorite, kill it. You  
remember, he'll grow up to be an Amalekite; he'll pollute the camp."  
And when these little things come back like that disagreeing with  
the Word of God, get rid of that thing. I don't care what denomination it  
belongs to.*

38. Now, you see he's very nicely come along commending Bro. Jackson, but at the same time putting the thing in order.

*You say, "Well, they're good..." I don't care how good a people they are.  
(Watch that one) If they're contrary to that Word, get the thing out of you.  
It's a growing little Amalekite. Looks cute, looks innocent; it looks like it's  
all right, but you don't have anything to do with it. You stay away  
from it.*

Now, he's talking about gifts, right? And the church discipline the whole thing.

*"Well, Brother Branham, I--I go down here, because... Well, I don't..."  
You just remember, any Amalekite, anything that denies the Word, stay  
away from it; have nothing to do with it at all. How many believes that's  
the truth? Sure... See? Stay away from it.*

[44] *Who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city... Where do you  
see that? I can show you ten thousand speaking in tongues to one that's really*

that  
 city? How  
 forth to mark the  
 "...destroy everything that doesn't  
 God is the Holy Ghost; There's a Seal of  
 people that's that interested? I can show you people  
 and-down and cry in a church; I can show you people that shout  
 run all over the building; I can show you people that prophesy, and it  
 come to pass; I can show you those who speak in tongues, and run up and  
 down the buildings, and say things that actually interpret and it comes to pass;  
 but where is that person that sighs and cries for the abominations that's  
 did in  
 leaves on that.

burdened for sin...can't even pray a hour. But did you know the Bible said  
 mark only those who sighed and cried for the abominations in the  
 many ever read it? Sure. That was the Holy Spirit come  
 people, and said to the destroying Angel,  
 have that mark...." And the mark of  
 God. Now, where is them  
 that jump up-  
 and

See what I mean?

[45] Now, I've tried my best to tell you people and lead you like a daddy would  
 lead his children. You're my children; I have begotten you to Christ through  
 this Gospel that I preach. See? Like Paul. And I want you to raise up fully  
 matured kids, or children. And I want to present you to Christ that  
 day, as  
 that Word but your heart  
 got the Holy Ghost) Sin don't  
 wrong, but when the other, the very first thing  
 "Father, forgive me."

Paul said, "A chaste virgin." There isn't a thing in  
 will punctuate "amen" to it. (That's if you've  
 have... 'Course you'll do things  
 condemns you,

39. Now, what about them people who practice gifts entirely apart, and say, "Well, it's a gift."  
 You see, it's just not right. There's got to be a proper order. Not that we're are worried about gifts  
 here, but remember, there are genuine gifts just the same.

[46] I'm going to say this. Just looked at a person a few minutes ago. He was  
 asking me about a fine boy the other day. We were hunting squirrels. That  
 morning I got five; I left one of them for that afternoon. You only get six  
 in the state of Kentucky; that's the limit. So this certain person  
 said, "I got  
 wrong." He said, "Well..."

nine." Fine Christian boy. I said, "You done

I said, "I had five that morning, saved one for that afternoon. And when I  
 got that one squirrel, looked in a tree, and counted five or six setting right  
 there where I could look at them, walked out and left them." I said, "I  
 walked  
 fifteen or twenty setting  
 and left the rest of them sit there."

up in through here not long ago, and there was about  
 there. I just took the limit, and walked away,  
 (I said,) "If I come to this country,  
 the thing that's right, I've got  
 you say; it's

preaching to you boys and you people here  
 to live that example." Christianity ain't what  
 what you live, what you do; it's an example. You're the salt of  
 the earth. I said, "Then, the law says... Jesus said, 'You give Caesar them  
 things that belong to Caesar.' You break that speed law out there, what are  
 you doing? You're doing wrong; you sin. Give Caesar what's Caesar's,  
 and  
 God's what's God's."

40.      *"Well, the law's wrong." I can't help what wrong with it; it's wrong to break  
             Jesus' commandment. And if you don't give Caesar the things that's Caesar's,  
             then you did what Jesus told you not to do, and a transgression of the law  
             is sin. That right? We're all guilty; we do it. But when you see  
yourself wrong,                                     stop it. People are watching you; people won't go to  
church, but they'll read                                     you, see what you do.*

[47] So get Christ in your heart; that's a real... Christ and the Holy Spirit's the same thing. Holy Spirit, "Christ" means "the anointed One." The Holy Spirit is that Anointing, and you are the one that's anointed. See? And it's Christ in you anointing you. See what I mean? Then you got the right thing. Then He can use you to anything He wants to use you in, 'cause you're in the body and subject to any of those gifts. But see, to have one of the gifts outside of the body, it would do you no good.

It's got to stay within the body where it's under the jurisdiction of the Holy Spirit.

*"Though I speak with tongues of men and Angels, have not love, it profit me nothing. Though I have faith and can understand all the mysteries... profit's nothing. I give my body to sacrifice, give all my goods to the poor, though I have faith to move a mountain, I am nothing." See? Don't depend on those things. The Holy Spirit is a Being; It's God, God in you, the Person, God, that's lit your whole entire being. You're changed; you're a new creature. Any little thing that's wrong, He'll tell you that's wrong, then quit; don't do it. "Father, I didn't mean to do that, You forgive me." See? And that's the Holy Spirit.*

41. That's what I was saying this morning, your union with Almighty God is what actually took place. You are not a perfect individual, except in Him. And we are striving to grow up into Him. (See?) That's the part of coming up into a maturity.

[48] *I don't care how much you spoke in tongues, how much you run, how much you jumped, how much you did this, that, or the other Whatever you done, it wouldn't mean a thing if the Holy Ghost wasn't in there to condemn you on the things that's right and wrong.*

That's exactly right, How can a person be full of the Holy Ghost and bypass the very Word of God that's right here in chapter 12 in the Pentecostal and the Charismatic churches, and then say they're free? Like I talked to a girl in 'The Donut' when I was eating donuts back there several months ago. I had one the other day, but I slipped up, I could see my wife drooling as he went by, I just couldn't... I didn't have the heart to take her by. As bad as I can our granddaughter Vickier(?) we used to call her 'Vicky' back then when little Mary, she'd say, "Oh, cuppie, cuppie, cuppie." Well, I liked coffee, so I'd go in for the coffee. Didn't have the heart to go by, but we entered this donut house anyway, this girl was strictly for the charismatic's and she had all the answers with a woman prophetess as preacher.

When I found that out, I finished my coffee and my donut. It wasn't that I wasn't back, I was back the other day and had one cup of coffee and part a donut. But you see, you can't talk to those people. You know they're living in sin. They say they got the Holy Ghost and they don't. They couldn't have. See, just couldn't have. I don't care what anybody says. Well you say,

"There's a manifestation." I don't care if it is. It's a gift, because a woman's condemned for preaching. See, I mean I care not what anybody says. A woman cuts her hair, she can't pray. Now, she can get a lot of answers, but in the economy of God she's shot, she's outside of the Bride. And the thing is, she will answer to God for having got answers.

"Because many will come in that day and say, 'Lord, didn't I cast out devils', didn't I preach...?" [Mt 7:22] "I never knew you, get out of here?" And greater condemnation. ...?... It's a serious thing you see. Just say forgive me, I don't know, I don't care much for ...?... and so on.

42. *Now, that's the reason this person here is right. Let the Holy Spirit do it.*

*But now (You see?), now, what's causing this... Let me say it with love,  
sprinkled with love and anointed with the Word. See? If the genuine Holy  
Spirit was in you, you wouldn't question that. You know it yourself;  
it's an individual thing between you and God. See? You know  
something happened. You know that there's a change, whether there's  
any--anything else, you yourself, you're the change*

Now, you see, look, always I take you right back to this verse here that I always read here concerning the Holy Spirit baptism. "But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man." [1 Cor 2:15] That verse is hard for me to accept. I cannot accept It carte blanche and neither did Bro. Branham. Because that verse tells you even though nobody can judge you, you have got to sit there for yourself and judge. And if the line is not towed we do not put anybody out, because we put nobody in, but it is so difficult I don't understand. Maybe it's my nature. Maybe because I teach very, very hard in subjects, and I have become very dogmatic on many things Bro. Branham said, because it's a matter of dogmatics. Well, it's a dogmatic doctrine I should say to put it correctly. But you see, everything he says always lines with the Scripture.

*You're the one who's done the changing, inside of you, and you know you  
have it. Whether you spoke with tongues, whether you jumped, shouted, or  
anything else, you know that God lives in you, (see?) that you don't walk  
with your own mind, it's the mind of Christ that leads you with that  
Word, just exactly the way It goes.*

[49] *Now. But I would... If people say, "Well then, Brother Branham, you don't  
believe we ought to speak with tongues?" See? Then you get exactly backwards  
what I've just said. Sure, I believe you should speak with tongues. And  
some of you people... See? But you get these, and I get these, like back  
here this fifteen hundred miles (See?)...*

That's where he spoke about the New Jerusalem, you know being fifteen hundred miles square, and they thought he meant that It would be at...because he placed It like Jeffersonville's is fifteen hundred miles on the east coast, and so on, they tried to place It there, see?

*...being here at the Tabernacle. Just, if you don't understand it, then ask me.  
See? Write it back to me if you don't understand. Just say what I say here.  
See? And I... And you... As Paul said, "You follow me as I follow Christ."  
See? Then you see I'm wrong, then get away from me (That's all),  
'cause I'd--I'd be the wrong person.*



43. Now, you say, "How are you going to know if a man's wrong?" Take the Word and find out. So, that's what we're looking here that Paul was saying, "Look, you people are wrong." Now, he didn't say you had a devil, but they were mixed up. And there were no doubt people right in there that were in gift ministries, the ministries of which could have been genuine, and the person completely phony, or a phony ministry with a phony person. And as well as those places where everything went. And they didn't bring it back to the Word.

Now, this is why Bro. Branham said, "*We need discerning of spirits.*" Now, many people want to push gifts and push gifts. That's what we had from this brother in Canada. Everything is pushing gifts, pushing gifts, nothing has ever come out of his room yet. I'm not against pushing gifts, you do it the right way. But if you get people in bondage to where something has got to happen in that room, what if it doesn't happen in that room?"

I'm going to tell you. Here's exactly what Scripture says. "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not the body; is therefore not of the body?" [1 Cor 12:15]

44. In other words, this fellow and his wife won't go into that room. "Oh, we don't need that (they say) we've got our ministries. Now, you people go in." The last report I got the woman was so sure she was right about this fellow being right, (that she defied my good buddy Bro. Palberg was a real saint of God) she's so nervous now she doesn't know if she's put her horse back.

Now, she is coming to the place where she will deny the faith, of a nervous breakdown. Now, you see if you're going start forcing issues that you've got to produce something, so that you will look like something, you're in danger. Now, I didn't push anything back years ago, but I'm going to tell you something: the gift ministry sure made me popular around those who want gift ministries. But the minute I went to Covington, and I said to all the group that came out of the way and the rest of them, I said, "If you think I'm going to come here with gift ministries, you're wrong, I'm going to sit here and see what God can do, or what God will do; and if God doesn't do it, ain't nothing going to be done."

Well, the scurried like, you know, the rat leaving the ship. It was going down, I was the sinking ship. And so one guy prophesied and tried to cut my throat. "Let it be, let it be, he's a liar." They'll all answer with their foolishness, because I stood right there and it was that very thing that brought about this message in that area, and in through here too. You cannot fool with the things of God brother/sister.

As Bro. Branham said, "*Be certain of God.*" He meant to be certain. This is not something you see in the Scripture and say, "I think I will have it."

And someone says, "Why yes, you can have it."

When did you get somebody between you and God? There's only one person could ever do that, and that would be a prophet, a genuine prophet. And you better not try to use him. (See?) Because we haven't got enough to go around. Now, the discerning of spirits is very, very essential.

45. Now, reading again those first three verses. [1 Corinthians 12:]

- (1) Now (brethren) concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. (The charismata, these manifestations)
- (2) (I) know that (you) were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, ...

I want you to clear conception that you know when you were heathen, you used to be swept along by the impulse and that word lead is blinding hurting, or carried, you Gentiles you were carried, blindly hurried.

In other words, this meeting here was under the spirit of rush, and blinding rushing like sheep over a cliff. Now, read It that way. Read It that way. "That this is a blind bunch of people rushing." Now, when you're rushing, you don't know where you're going. When you're blind, you can't see where you're going. **Then**, this is what is what the Charismatic Movement of that hour was. the Charismatic Movement is the same, because they're blindly rushing into the complete bondage of Satan and don't know Hebrews 6. (See?)

46. Now, we're getting somewhere, we'll have Bro. Branham preach 'The False Anointing Ones'. Dumb idols. Now certainly, like spirit worship. But you know something? God begin answering back. When God begin answering back they all are fooled, "Well, this is God, it's okay."

Like that buddy up there in Toronto I told you about, after I got through preaching sermon number one in Toronto, he said, "You know Bro. Vayle (he said) I was saved in Pentecost twenty four years ago, but (he said) they've changed." And he said, "I've changed, I can't accept what the used to teach." He said, "I sat with some charismatic nuns and I said, 'how can you say that you're priest has the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues when on Sunday morning he will take confessions and it's against the Word of Almighty God to stand there and forgive people's sins only God can do it?'" He said, "They don't have the Holy Ghost."

Jacqueline Ford up in Chicago, she's a Catholic theologian with Mr. O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor said, "My (he said) maybe you'll wonder how the Holy Spirit feels in the Roman Catholic church? Why He feels right at home." I kind of doubt that. Something like a mouse caught in a trap if you ask me. I don't know, but he's got to do his job. The Spirit of God.

And Jacqueline Ford let the people know, "Don't push me on my doctrine." In other word, as a representative **for** the pope. She's true, there is a representative in every age, and he is the pope so to speak, the last one is William Branham. (See?) There is one that's the Holy Ghost incarnated to bring the Word. Even as you and I are incarnations. (See?)

47. Now, they were actually then in a place where the devil could slip in here. And there was confusion. There is no parallel between these frenzies and the breathings of the Spirit. Born again person, much different. I must impress upon you the One who speaks **wrapped** in the Spirit of God and cannot cry, "Jesus is accursed." The other hand, no one wrapped in a rapture can say, "Jesus is the Lord." They'd be possessed by the Spirit. In other words, there was crying's out there, and there was actually literally a fight on the floor. Someone was running down Jesus the same time somebody upholding Jesus. Just like I said when Dr. Cliff that man's meeting, I think it was likely Bro. Smith, I'm not sure. Five languages, three speaking beautiful things about God, two cursing God. How would you know? (See?) First of all you'd know something was wrong if they did not accept Paul's negative pronouncements in this Scripture here, the same as Bro. Branham brought forth.

Now, going to verse 4, [1 Corinthians 12:]

- (4) ...there are diversities... (or distributions. Now, he said, "There are distributions of the charismata of the things that lie in the Spirit, but It is one Spirit.")

Now notice, we have got a Trinitarian concept today, but there's only one Spirit. How can you have a Father and a Holy Ghost in a Son? "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost." Well, that's three of them, makes a triangle. Very convenient, that's Babylonism.

48. All right, we know there's only one Spirit. So, therefore now we have the Father and the Son. Hold it, the Son is not God, He's a man. Now we got one Spirit. (See?) So here, they already were confused that there was more than one Spirit. And Paul seeing the day that even this would be superseded by something more insidious said they would preach another spirit. Two of them. And they try to make Jesus God. Jesus is not God. No sir.

The man is not God, He's sitting up there behind the Throne on the Mercy Seat. What's on the Throne is the Pillar of Fire, that's what John saw, let's leave It there. On the right hand behind the Throne is Jesus. And as long as He is there people can come in. The minute He's off and gone, nobody comes in. (See?) Then He's got to turn to the Jews. Then He'll appear to them in a sign, they'll come in.

49. Now, one Spirit can be all kinds of distributions, (various kinds) same Spirit, not a plural. Look at verse 12 and 14.

(12) For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

(13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,...

Now, everyone of those manifestations had a person, One Spirit doing it. How in the world then could there be, if they're set in the body... now, here's where Bro. Branham got in his fight, the woman stood up each night and he could see her getting nervous. Billy Paul came in, he said, "Now, this lady daddy, has told me she's got a prophecy for you tonight."

So, Bro. Branham when he watched her he said, "*Woman, shut up and sit down.*"

Now, they said, "Now, Bro. Branham, you were wrong, you quenched the Spirit."

He said, "*How could I? How could I be in the Spirit preach, and her in the Spirit jumping up before giving the altar call?*"

"Oh, but she had fresh manna." Fresh what? Rotten hamburger in the Pentecostal church.

50. Let me prove it to you, he's talking about gifts, and there's one Spirit in apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, discerning, miracles, everything else. Then how can a spirit fight the spirit causing confusion? Again, Bro. Branham preached this Bible in Twentieth Century knowledge we can understand, but they turned it down flat. (Right?) One Spirit, see? How in the world, how in the world can you have a confusion? How can you have the pastor up here preaching one thing, and some woman running around saying something else in your congregation? "Well, I talked in tongues." (Phfft!) Talk in tongues all you want. What God will do is a whole lot worse than my 'raspberry' let me tell you flat. What I do brother/sister may be a little disrespectful, but I'd sooner be in Lee Vayle's shoes giving a raspberry, then run around with super critical, so call 'super Christian'. It's falling back on some Pentecostal idea. And thinking some whoopy-doo is going to overlook the whole thing.

There's only one place a man does not sin, and that's in obedience to the Word of God, motivated by the Holy Ghost. Anything else is creeds and dogmas in their own man made understanding.

51. Now, he said right here:

(13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...Jews or Gentiles, bond or free; and have been made to drink one Spirit.

(14) For the body is not one member, but many.

And he tells you right there, the body has one life that goes to every single person. And every little finger, every joint does something different, but all making the one, the all of us in there. He hasn't taken remember, nine gifts here, He put in a five-fold ministry through in helps and governments and other things along with it. And he only said one thing about the...miracles, and healings, and then he said tongues, and he didn't put in prophecy, and left the rest out. But you can Romans 12, brings out as Irenaeus said hundreds of gifts in the body. They're all in there. One Spirit doing it. The harmony. You say, "How are we going to have harmony? Is it preacher against the people?" No! It's preacher and people with the Word.

Got a church out west, a fellow keeps calling me, and this preacher only wants one thing, is be subject to the church. Let me tell you flat, there's nobody in this place subject to the church. You are subject to the Word. It's the only place you're subject. If I begin to try to defend myself outside the Word, I'm wrong. You defend yourself outside the Word, you're wrong.

52. Now, verse 5. [1 Corinthians 12:]

(5) And there are differences of administrations...the same Lord.

That means, 'different ministries', that's exactly what It says. All right, verse 18.

(18) But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

All right, no matter what they are, he put them there. Like Bro. Branham said, now on the question: verse 6.

(6) ...there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Notice, different distributions, they're diverse, one Spirit, every ministries, one Spirit, different way they operate, Bro. Branham explained it, according to nature even. One God, but it's for the good of everybody. (See?) That's why Bro. Branham said, "Don't say Jesus is coming soon, that's vain repetition." See, there's operation there, it's got to be, it's got bring a blessing to the whole group, it's got to be directed. When it's all over, the whole group is edified, though it's pointed to one person as that time. Maybe more than one person, but it's got to be where the whole group is more in harmony. Why? Because sin is rooted out, unbelief is rooted out, all these things are taken care of.

53. Now, let's go to verse 19.

(19) And if they were all one member, where were the body?

(20) But now are they many members, yet but one body.

(21) And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of (you): the head to the feet, I have (got) no need of you.

(22) Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

- (23) And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.
- (24) For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.
- (25) That there should be no schism in the body;...(I'm going to stop right there.)

Now, you see, I'm looking at the operations. The body operates different parts, so do we operate in different ways. Verse 7.

- (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

And that manifestation of the Spirit being seen to work through the church for the common good. Now the second part of verse 25,

- (25) ...but that the members should have the same care one for another.
- (26) And whether one member suffer, all suffer...(and) one member be honoured, all the members rejoice...(common good.)

Paul then numerates nine special gifts in verse 8 to 10, and you can see them there: wisdom, knowledge, faith, and notice every time same Spirit, same Spirit. These people had different spirits. And no doubt a voice says, "I'm the spirit of wisdom. I'm the spirit of knowledge," right through.

54. You know people right today read that: To what... I was to a church in Dayton, I want to see some of these fellows down there, and there was this black preacher, (nice fellow) and I went there and he begin saying, "Oh yeah I believe the gift of the Spirit brother, because It said, "By one is given the spirit of wisdom."

I said, "No, brother, It doesn't say that. It says, "You are given by the Spirit the word of wisdom," It's a spirit, but not spiritism."

And he said, "Yes, (he said) the spirit of knowledge."

I said, "It's not the spirit of knowledge."

And there some sweet black sisters they're having a little meeting. And I think they're making little knitting or something, (you know) like they should do, ladies aid. And my, you should have seen the look of consternation. When they heard me telling their pastor off, they got down on their knees and begin really screaming out to God.

You know what, there's no use screaming to God, the man should have listen to me. He couldn't even read the Bible right. That's not because a black man is a black man who can't read. That's because the black man could read and wouldn't read. There's a lot of white men in the same boat. In fact, I think he got his doctrine from the white latter-rainers. Because they're the ones that twisted this, and made this the spirit of wisdom. Now, I know such a thing as a spirit of wisdom, that's in Ephesians. But you get over here with the spirit of faith, or spirit of healing, It doesn't say that. It says, one Spirit has all of it in there. (See?) Now, they were way back there where they had this thing in a complete muddle.

Now, verses 28-30

- (28) And God hath set some in the church, apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. (And so on.)
- (29) Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
- (30) (Do) all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

No sir, they don't, everyone has something different. So, Paul sets the church in order, and then he hits verse 31.

- (31) But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way. (Now, period.)

55. Now, let's go to Hebrews 11:

- (4) By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by he being dead yet speaketh.

Now, Abel had the more excellent way. Cain was right, he took the first fruit offering and offered it and according to Scripture it's a correct offering. But he mis-divided the Word.

Now, "I will show you, (said Paul) a more excellent way. The way of gifts in order are great, (make no mistake about it) but he said there is something greater that supersedes every single ministry.

[1Corinthians 13:]

- (1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not (love), I am (nothing, I'm) sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- (20) ...I have the gift of prophecy, understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; have all faith, (to move) mountains, and have not (love), I am nothing.
- (3) (If I give) my goods to feed the poor, (now, notice in here, he's going back to Romans 12) ...give my body to be burned, have not (love,) it (profits) nothing.

All the way through, he's speaking of destinies of ministries.

- (4) (Love suffers) long, and is kind; charity envieth not; (or love) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- (5) Doth not behave itself unseemly, (seeks) not her own, not easily provoked, (thinks) no evil;
- (6) Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
- (7) (Bears) all things, (believes) all things, (hopes) all things, (endures) all things.

- (8) (Love) never (fails): (now notice) whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
- (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
- (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part (is) done away.
- (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: became a man, I put away childish things.
- (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Now, here in verses 1 through 7, you'll find that gifts with motivation of virtues are tremendous. They must be motivated by the virtues that lie within us, that the Holy Spirit helps us to produce. Then in verses 8 and 9, he said here: "That love never fails... [tape ends...]"