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Spiritual Gifts

Lesson 6 • August 8, 2026



MEMORY TEXT

“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual
spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.”
prophesy.”

1 Corinthians 14:1

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

Some think they must do everything.

Others think they can do nothing.

THE SAME MISTAKE

Both spend too much time looking at
themselves.

WE USUALLY ASK

“What is my gift?”

PAUL ASKS

Who will benefit from it?

“The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

1 Corinthians 12:7

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

A gift is a tool, not a medal.

Aguiar, *First and Second Corinthians*, chap. 6

Look Around

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A visitor nobody has welcomed.

A young person who needs someone to listen.

A sick member nobody has visited.

The need in front of you reveals the
work God has for you.

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Start Serving

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Gifts are discovered while they are used.

“Having then gifts differing according to the
to the grace that is given to us, let us use
them.”

Romans 12:6–8

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

If you can teach, teach.

If you can encourage, encourage.

If you can show mercy, do it cheerfully.

*“Let all go to work. . . . In meekness,
sincerity, and love do what you can.”*

Ellen G. White

Review and Herald, April 12, 1906

Five loaves. Two fish.

Bring what you have.

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Stop Comparing

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THE FOOT

“I cannot do what you do, so perhaps I do not matter.”

THE EYE

“I do not need you, because I see more than you do.”

**Fifty preachers, and nobody to
arrange the chairs.**

Diversity is not a problem to be solved. It is part of God's design.

THE REAL QUESTION

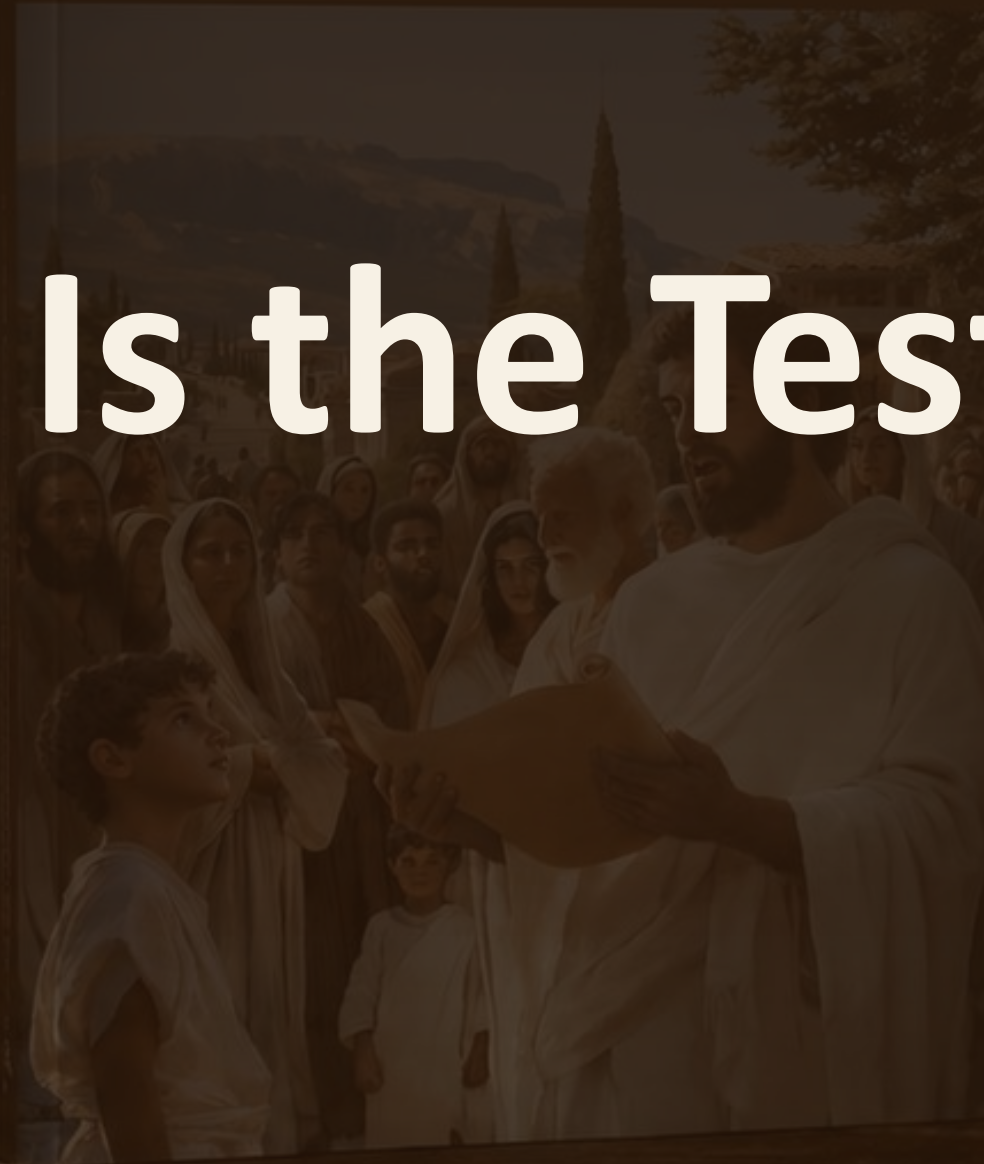
Am I faithful to the work God has given
given me?

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Love Is the Test

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First Corinthians 13 stands between chapters 12 and 14.

Love is how every gift is used.

Blomberg, *1 Corinthians*, NIV Application Commentary

Can I serve when nobody notices?

Can I rejoice when someone else is chosen?

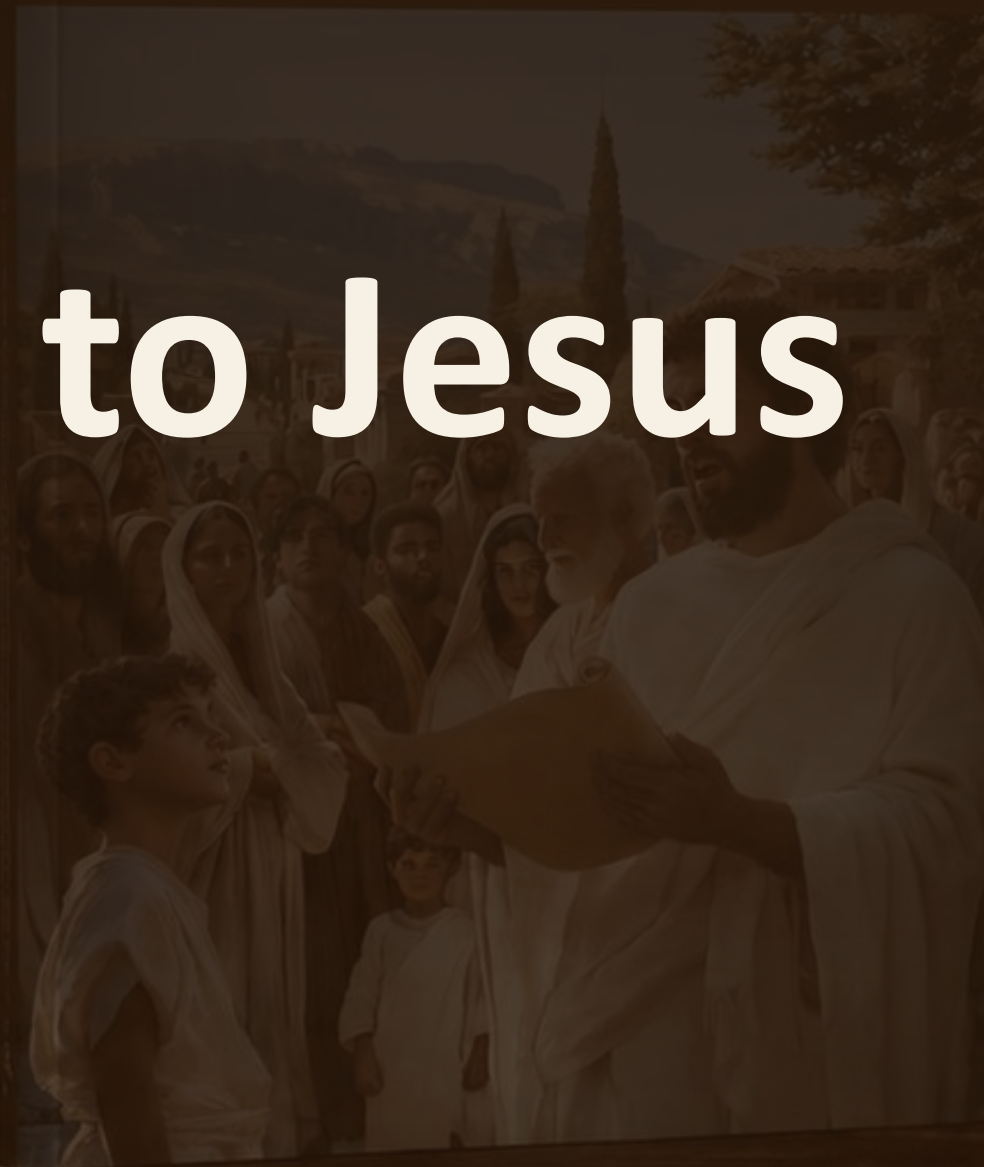
Can I receive correction without defending myself?

Gifts without love become performance.

Gifts used in love become ministry.

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Look to Jesus



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

**He had all power. He washed
washed feet.**

A gift reveals what Jesus can do through a surrendered person.

Do what you can.

Look around. Start serving. Do it in love.

DISCUSSION

What need do you keep noticing in your church?

Why do we assume visible gifts are the important ones?

Which is harder for you: feeling unimportant, or feeling important?

What can you do this week without waiting to be asked?

Does my ministry point people to Jesus, or to me?