



38. The Trinity and Your Gift

“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All three members of the Trinity are in these 3 verses. And there are three uses of the phrase: *“there are varieties of”* used in front of the three words: gifts, ministries,

and effects. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts given by the Spirit. These are special spiritual abilities given at the Spirit's desire, 1 Corinthians 12:11. The Spirit gives at least one spiritual gift to each believer, 1 Corinthians 12:7. And Jesus directs each believer to a specific ministry from among a variety of ministries. And the Father is responsible for the results.

Do you know which spiritual gift the Spirit has given to you? Don't try to force a specific gift ... just recognize the one that the Spirit has given to you. It's His choice ... not your choice. And where are you using your gift? Are you using it in the

ministry that Jesus has chosen for you? Let Jesus direct you to a specific ministry ... don't let others push you into their choice. And don't take your Father's responsibility for the results. Don't take credit for the results if they are great, or small, or none at all. The Spirit gives you a special ability to serve. Jesus chooses His ministry for you. And your Father produces the results. Don't take the Father's, Son's, or Spirit's responsibility. You have your own responsibility in this ... and that is *obedience*. Be a good steward of your spiritual gift.