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1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7 (NIV)

- Spiritual gifts are from _____ and for _____.

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- Each _____ has a different _____.

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one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

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1 Corinthians 12:12, 15-20, 27 (NIV)

- Each gift is _____.

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1 Corinthians 12:28-31 (NIV)

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)

- Each gift must be rooted in _____.

Bottom Line: I am gifted for God's _____ and for the _____ of others.

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