

HOW DO BELIEVERS IN JESUS MAKE GOD HAPPY?

1. Use Your Spiritual Abilities, Spiritual Service and Spiritual Work:*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 31

12:1*Now, I will tell you how to use these spiritual gifts – from God. 4There are different abilities. 5There are different kinds of service. 6There are different kinds of work. But one God produces the abilities, services and work in each person. 7The Holy Spirit gives each believer in Jesus some ability, service or work.*

These abilities, services or work are how the Holy Spirit expresses himself to us – he expresses himself through our gifts. Why? So the Holy Spirit can help the whole group – he uses our gifts to help all of us.

11*The Holy Spirit decides what abilities, service and work he will give to each person. 31You should want to receive the more important gifts.*

Who decides our spiritual Abilities, Service and Work?

What is the purpose of these gifts from the Holy Spirit?

Do we all have the same gifts? (verse 11)

What happens if we do not Serve, Work and use our Abilities?

Will our group receive all the Holy Spirit's help and blessing?

What do you think?

2. Do Everything With Love:

1 Corinthians 12:31– 3:1-8 & 14:1 ... Ephesians 4:15-16

12:31*And now I will show you the very best way to use your Abilities, and do your Service and Work: 13:1If I don't have love, I'm only a big noise! 2If I don't have love, I am nothing! 3If I don't have love, I receive no reward.*

8*Love never fails. 14:1[So] go after love – and eagerly desire spiritual abilities, service and work – especially the ability to teach the Bible.*

4:15*Christ is the head, 16(and we are his body) – the whole body grows and builds itself up in love, when each part does its work.*

What do I need most when I serve, work and use my abilities?

If I don't have love, does it benefit me to serve, work & use my abilities?

How does the whole Body of Christ grow?

What do you think is more important:

Our character (what we are inside)? (Galatians 5:22-23 – below)

Or, the work we do for God?

This is What the Holy Spirit Produces in You:

The Holy Spirit's fruit in us is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

3. Grow!

5Try hard to add to your faith. Add to your faith, being a good person. Add to being a good person, knowledge. 6Add to knowledge, self-control. Add to self-control, never giving up. Add to never giving up, love for God. 7Add to love for God, love for believers in Jesus. Add to love for believers in Jesus, love for everyone (just like God does).

2 Peter 1:5-7

How do we grow?

Now, Do We Never Sin?

If we say: "I don't sin" – then we are deceiving ourselves – it is not true.

1 John 1:8

So, when we sin, what should we do?

Tell God our sins – confess our sins. Then God will forgive our sins – and God will make us completely clean. Why? Because God keeps his promise [to forgive us]. And God is fair ... [Jesus already died for us, so] Jesus' blood cleans us from all our sin.

1 John 1:9

4. Do it All for Jesus!

23Whatever you say and whatever you do, do it with all your heart – and do it for Christ, not for people. 24Because you know you will get a reward in heaven from Christ – you are serving Christ!

Colossians 3:23-24

* A List of the Holy Spirit's Gifts to Us – Abilities, Service & Work:

Romans 12:6-8 • 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 • Ephesians 4:11 • Exodus 31:4

prophecy
serve
teach
encourage
give
lead
be merciful

wise words
words of knowledge
have faith
heal
help people
do miracles
identify spirits

speak in other languages
interpret languages
manage
apostle
tell people about Jesus
pastor
art