



## Unique Greek Words

### Another

(1 Cor 12:8 KJV) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

Starting with verse eight, we will study the in depth accuracy of the word ‘another.’ ‘Another’ comes from one of two Greek words: allos or heteros. Allos means ‘another when two or more of the same kind are involved.’ Heteros means ‘another when only two are involved. In this case, the two are God and the believer. ‘Another’ can be translated ‘other’ depending on the context. Generally, in verses 8-10, the word allos is used.

Heteros means when only two are involved; God and the believer. The two manifestations that use this word are ‘faith’ and ‘kinds of tongues.’ ‘Faith’ is coupled



with heteros because the person operating holy spirit has to believe, and the profit will only be for that same person. ‘Kinds of Tongues’ uses this word because it only blesses the person praying. Kinds of Tongues is private prayer.

(1 Cor 12:8-10 KJV) 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; to another the interpretation of tongues:

The manifestations are listed in reference to the profit they will bring to the user and to the participants. Each bring unique profit, whether to the individual operating or to all involved. Let’s read verses 8-10 with this new knowledge in mind:

### Allos and Heteros

Allos – two or more of the same kind

Heteros – only two are involved.

(Literal) 1 Cor 12:8-10  
For one [profit] is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; for another allos [profit] the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; For another heteros [profit: between God and the believer] faith by the same Spirit; For another allos [profit] the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; For another allos [profit] the working of mira-

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cles; For another allos [profit] prophecy; For another allos [profit] discerning of spirits; For another heteros [profit: between God and the believer] divers kinds of tongues; For another allos [profit] the interpretation of tongues:

With allos, think of more than one involved, perhaps an entire group of people receiving the profit. Potentially, the operation of these manifestations profit many.

With heteros, think of only two involved, the one operating and God. The operation of these manifestations profit the user.

## To Profit Withal

**(1 Cor 12:7 KJV) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

Now you may read verses 8-10 in light of the profit the manifestations offer. The manifestations are given to the Church for profit. They are given to every man, not only a few as some would have you believe. Every man has the potential to manifest holy spirit in order to profit the Church. The profit(s) are

individually listed in verses 8-10.

**(1 Cor 12:11 KJV) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**

To further underpin the absolute truth that the manifestations are given to every man, verse 11 declares that all of the manifestations are divided to every man. In this verse, several unique Greek words are introduced—worketh, dividing and severally.

‘Worketh’ comes from the Greek word energeo. Think ‘energy.’ The manifestations are energized by the one true God. God energizes all manifestations, yet the one operating must believe to operate.

‘One and the selfsame spirit’ is a unique phrase that emphasizes God’s part in all of this. Verses 8-10 should be a parenthetical phrase that corresponds with verses seven and verse 11; the translators neglected this figure of speech. Parentheses elaborate the profit. Verse 11 continues where verse seven ended and contains a unique

triple reflective with the emphasis on three words: one, self and same. Isn’t that fantastic? All nine manifestations are energized by the one, self and same Spirit—God.

‘Dividing’ means, ‘distributed.’ God energizes the gift but who is supposed to operate the manifestations? The person who received the gift of holy spirit. The key to wholesale distribution of the manifestations is free will. That’s what the phrase ‘severally as he will’ addresses.

‘Severally’ often troubles the Bible-student. Uninformed teachers contaminate this field of study by teaching that God divides the manifestations. They do this by changing the case of ‘h’ in ‘he’. You must remember that there are no cases in the Greek. All grammar is introduced by man. The ‘he’ in verse 11 refers to the man, not God. Maybe you haven’t put enough in the offering plate or lifted up holy hands or something? If it was up to God to determine which ones you received, you could be left out. How silly! If it was up to God to determine who operates the manifestations, everyone would

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be operating all of them all of the time. Do you really believe that God would refuse His wonderful gift to the Church? Man is the one who is afraid, and man is the one who limits God. Ignore these feelings and mis-led teachers.

‘Severally’ is the word *idios* and means, ‘one’s own’ or ‘his own.’ ‘He’ is a pronoun that is controlled by its closest antecedent noun. What is the noun? It is ‘man.’ Suppose that the man does not want to speak in tongues? Then he will not speak in tongues. The evidences of the gift of holy spirit will manifest only as the man wills. We established that God already wills. Sadly, man cannot believe beyond what he knows, and that is precisely why satan can ravage this fantastic field of study. Once we know the accuracy of God’s Word, we can know what’s available, how to receive it, and what to do with it after we receive it.

## Members of One Body

(1 Cor 12:12 KJV) 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.

This illustrates with the human body what we have just studied. The manifestations are not the members, *but* what the believers believe to receive. The first word in verse 12, ‘for’, places verse 12 in correspondence with verse 11. What follows in these next verses are in context with what we just talked about.

(1 Cor 12:12-18 KJV) 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; and have been all 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; is it 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.

Each member is placed according to what pleased God.

(1 Cor 12:19-22 KJV) 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} Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Friends, the feeblest thing I know is speaking in tongues; the Word says that it is the more necessary.

(1 Cor 12:23-30 KJV) And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we

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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; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. {26} And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. {27} Now ye 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, then 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?*

Then a teacher will stop and teach that not all can do these things. When you work the integrity and accuracy of the Word, it's really something.

(1 Cor 12:28 KJV) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

'Diversity' is genos. When these people SIT, it is really fantastic.

The word '*are*' was added half of the way through. Read verses 29-30 without '*are*'. But, there's a better way to handle this.

(1 Cor 12:29-30 KJV) *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?*

When an apostle is needed in the church, one will be there. When a teacher is needed in the church, one will be there ..., and so on. Inside the church, all of these are in

operation. But, if all did these at once in the church, you'd never get home.

(1 Cor 12:31 KJV) *But covet earnestly the best [greater] gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent [surpassing] way.*

What are the best or greater gifts? The answer depends on the present need in the church. In an area where people are not born again, then the greater gift would be an evangelist. If everybody is converted, then the greater gift would be a pastor. The more excellent way than coveting is walking with agape. Just walk in this greater love. Agape is the believer's code of conduct. When you need the ministry of an evangelist, it will be there. When you need the ministry of a pastor, it will be there. Don't covet, just walk according to the believer's code of conduct. Learning to walk according to the greater love in the renewed mind in manifestation involves transition. We are to learn the more surpassing way. Why, because of chapter 13. It says follow after charity, the greater love. It means learn to live it.

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(1 Cor 13:1 KJV)  
Though I speak with the  
tongues of men and of  
angels, and have not  
charity, I am become as  
sounding brass, or a  
tinkling cymbal.

Then, in chapter 13, all of these operate effectively if we operate them with charity. With agape, it will bless the one receiving as well as the one ministering, and the one ministering as well as the one receiving. If my ministry blessed you but didn't bless me, I would be the loser. God didn't set up His program in the church for anybody to be a loser. I expect that when I minister the greatness of God's Word to you, God will multiply tremendous blessings to me, because I have to profit. So the great 13th chapter sets up the method as to how these gifts and manifestation are to be operated.

Much love in Christ,

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