# "OPENING THOUGHTS ON THE UNIQUENESS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS"

## I CORINTHIANS 12:1-3

1. **THE TOPIC OF APOSTOLIC CONCERN: SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12:1)**
   1. This New Topic Is Introduced By A Familiar Formula
   2. Is He Talking About Spiritual Gifts Or Spiritual People
   3. Willful Ignorance On This Topic Is Prohibited
2. **THE TEMPTATION TO WHICH MANY OF THEM WERE PRONE: CONFUSING CURRENT MANIFESTATIONS OF DIVINE ORIGIN WITH PAST EXPERIENCES OF DEMONIC DECEPTION (12:2)** 
   1. A Vivid Apostolic Reminder About The True Condition Of An Unsaved Person
   2. The Ungodly Man Is Led Away To Worship A Nondeity
3. **THE TEST LAID OUT BEFORE THEM: DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN COUNTERFEIT AND GENUINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12:3)**
   1. The First Aspect Of The Test Is Negative
      1. A Professing Christian Was Making An Outrageous Statement
      2. Incipient Gnosticism, Already A Factor In The Corinthian Church Was Promoting A Non-Loyalty To Jesus
   2. The Second Aspect Of The Test Is Positive
      1. A Full Confession Of The Lordship Of Christ Was Required
      2. This Also Was A Doctrinal Issue