1Cor 12:4-7

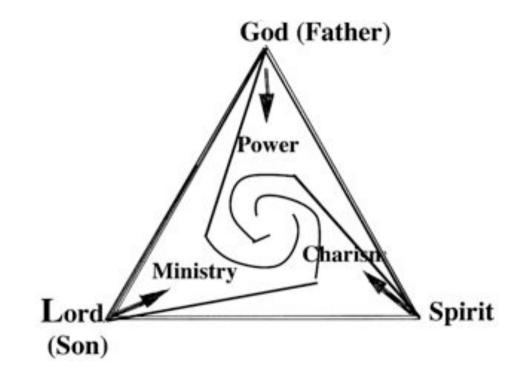
'There are varieties of gifts [charisma] but the same Spirit;

there are varieties of ministries [diakonia] but the same Lord;

there are varieties of
ways of exercising power

[energema]
but it is the same God who
activates them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for a good purpose.



Everyone is needed for a vibrant church to carry out Jesus' mission in the world.

Luke 4:18 Nazareth

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.'

- Jesus and the leper
- Jesus and the woman caught in adultery
- Jesus and the dying thief
- 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom' (2Cor 3:17)
- At the heart of Jesus' life is the Spirit (his loving relationship with God). Would you like to share in this? Would you like this for others?

John 7:37

If anyone is thirsty, come to me

John 8:12

Anyone who follows me will have the light of life

Teilhard de Chardin SJ (1881-1955)

The evolution of chastity 1934

'Some day,
after harnessing space,
the winds,
the tides
and gravitation,

We shall harness for God the energies of Love.

And then, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire.'

'The One coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire' (Luke 3:16).

Mark 12:41-44

'This poor widow has put in more than all who have contributed to the temple treasury, for they have put in what they had over, but she, from the little she has, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Apocalypse 22:17

'The Spirit and the Bride say "Come."

Let everyone who hears say 'Come."

Let everyone who is thirsty come

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.'

Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, Archbishop of Saigon spent 13 years in prison in Vietnam died in 2002.

1Corinthians 13:4-8

'Love never stops caring; love acts always in a kind way.

Love does not act out of jealousy or envy; love does not boast; or behave arrogantly; love does not behave indecently or insist on its own way. Love does not give way to irritation; or brood over wrongs; love takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love has space enough to hold and to bear everything and everyone. Love believes all things, hopes all things, and endures whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.'

'Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love'(16:13-14)