

A black and white photograph of two hands raised in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The hands are positioned palm-up, with fingers spread. The skin on the palms and fingers appears wrinkled and dry, suggesting a state of hardship or fasting. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

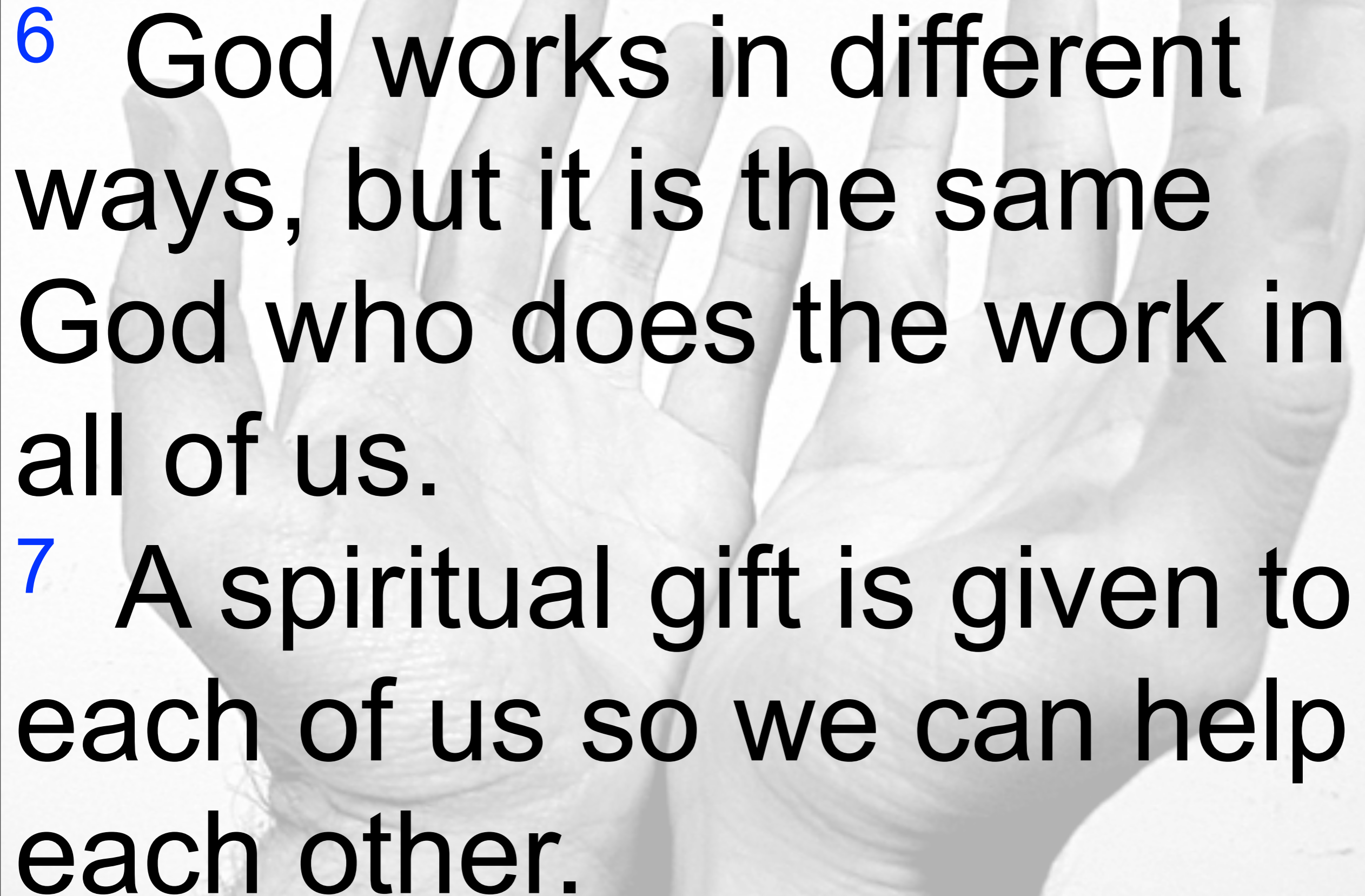
Prayer & Fasting

1st Corinthians 12 : 4 - 5

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.

1st Corinthians 12 : 6 - 7

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- A faint, grayscale background image of two hands reaching out towards each other, palms facing each other, symbolizing support or assistance. The hands are positioned behind the text.
- 6** God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.
- 7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1st Corinthians 12 : 11

11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.



1st Corinthians 14 : 1

1 Let love be your highest goal!
But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives - especially the ability to prophesy.

1st Corinthians 14 : 2

2 For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will be mysterious.

1st Corinthians 14 : 3 - 4

3 But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

4 A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophesy strengthens the entire church.

1st Corinthians 14 : 5

5 I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophesy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.



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1 Let love be your highest goal!
But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives - especially the ability to prophesy.

1st Corinthians 14 : 6

6 Dear brothers and sisters, if I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophecy or teaching, that will be helpful.

1st Corinthians 14 : 14 - 15

14 For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying.

15 Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the Spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the Spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

1st Corinthians 14 : 16

16 For if you praise God only in the Spirit, how can those who don't understand you praise God along with you? How can they join you in giving thanks when they don't understand what you are saying?

1st Corinthians 14 : 17

17 You will be giving thanks very well, but it won't strengthen the people who hear you.

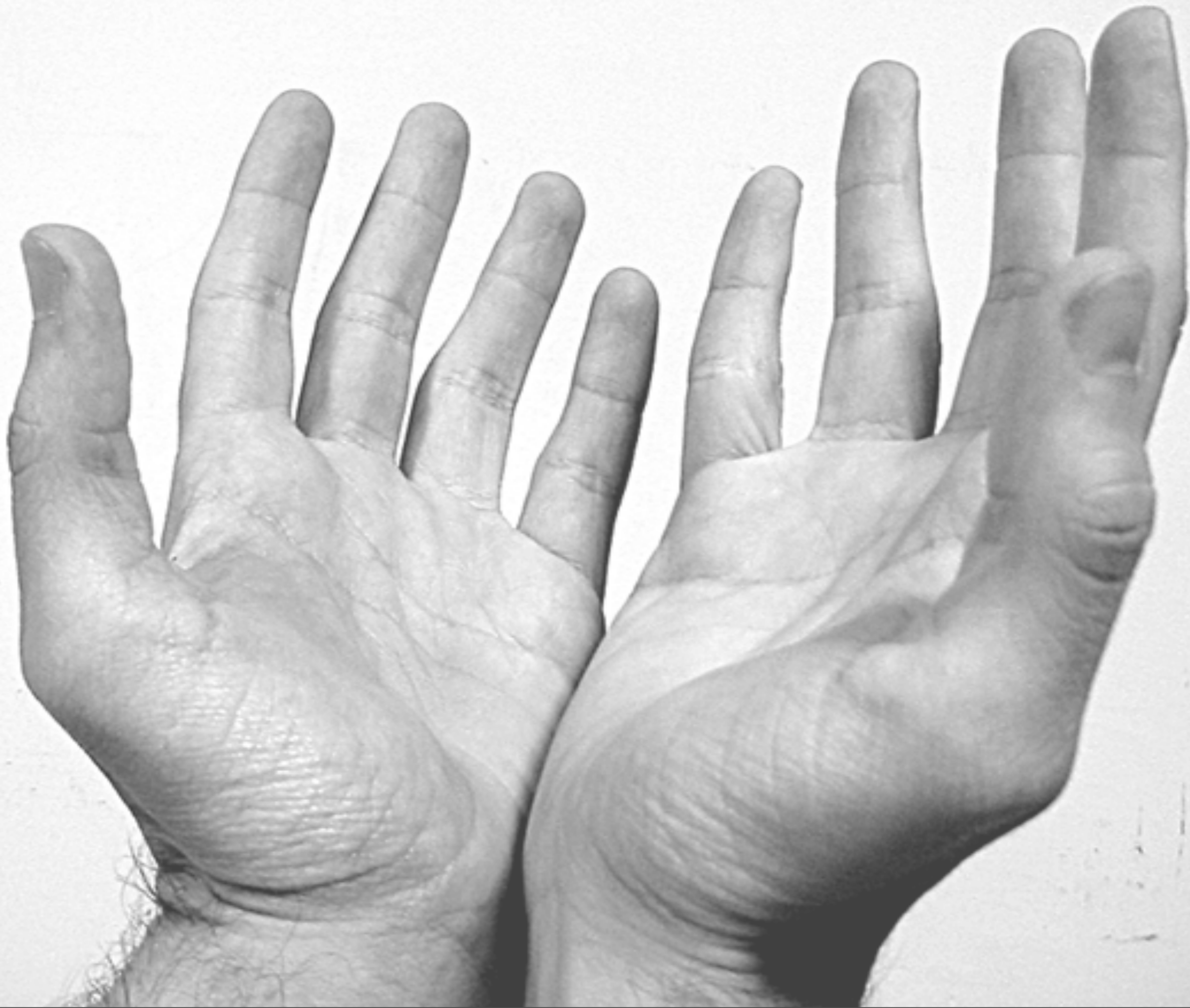
1st Corinthians 14 : 18 - 19

18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.

19 But in a church meeting I would rather speak five understandable words to help others than ten thousand words in an unknown language.

1st Corinthians 14 : 20

20 Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things. Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind.





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