1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is **an** application to my life today ?

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**Study questions for 1st Corinthians 12v27-31**

v 27 A new natural division is evident here by the first word in this verse (δε) which could be better translated “But,…” After insisting on the unity of the members of the body, ***what*** opposite quality does the writer bring out in this verse ?

v 28 There is a definite article (“the”) before “church” in this verse, so we are looking at more than “a” local church. ***When*** (in what order) does God put (not appoint, as NASB translates) gifted people in His church ?

Since “apostles” (missionaries), prophets (instruments of divine revelation) and teachers (trainers) are all listed seperately, ***how*** can anyone justify having all these gifts in view of what this verse says ?

The word “miracles” is plural and means “powers” (δύναμις from which we get the word “dynamite”) rather than amazing, but useless signs. ***Who***, in the early church, had such powers ? (cf. Ac3v2, 5v5, 6v8…)

vs 29-30 As if to hammer home the truth, the writer repeats the fact that all Christians do not all have the same gifts. ***Why*** are “miracles” (powers) and “healings” (again plural !) listed seperately ? What’s the difference ?

***What*** is the answer to the question, “Do all speak in tongues (again plural ! …not just the language of angels !) ?” What does this say about the tongues movement today ?

v 31 ***Which*** are the greater gifts, if speaking in tongues and interpretations are last ?

***Where*** is the “better way” than just seeing the importance of your spiritual gift in the body of Christ ? (cf. chapter 13 !)