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**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ A More Excellent Way \_\_\_\_\_

**Series:** **Intentionality**

**Series Text:** **Isaiah 61:1-3**

**Text:** I Corinthians 12:31

**Date:** Sunday, December 31, 2023

### Overview

The challenges of 2023

“The greater the obstacles, the more glory in overcoming it”  
**-Moliere**

“Being challenged in life is evitable, being defeated is optional”  
**-Roger Crawford**

The Apostle Paul wanted the church at Corinth to be not confused regarding their Spiritual gifts. Therefore, he called them to:

- an awareness of their gifts,
- the purposes of their gifts and
- the power of their gifts.

The Apostle Paul then wanted them to understand that their giftedness was not enough to sustain them.

## **I Corinthians 12:31**

“But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.”

**Theme:** A More Excellent Way

As we close out 2023, my prayer is for “Clarity.”

To show- a prolonged form of displaying something.

Paul’s paradox:

## **I Corinthians 12:31**

<sup>31</sup>“But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.”

**versus**

## **I Corinthians 13:9 & 12**

<sup>9</sup> “For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.”

<sup>12</sup>“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

Perpetual Clarity – on going revelation.

Paul wanted to propel the believing saints to pursue:

1. Clarity on their gifts
2. Clarity on their connections
3. Clarity on their journey

Clarity = Charity