

**First Corinthians 12:11 says that the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to Christians “as He wills.”**

Response: Notice verse 6 in conjunction with verse 11, “*and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. / All these [manifestations of the spirit listed in verses 7-10] are inspired by one and the same spirit apportioning to each one individually as He wills.*” The *He* refers back to God (the Father), not to the holy spirit.

As stated earlier, the holy spirit is reflective of Personality, and that Personality can be the Father’s or the Son’s. This principle applies in every context used to *prove* personality of the holy spirit. Since the holy spirit is God’s means of communication and inspiration we can grieve it or insult it when we act contrary to its leading. At Matthew 14:2 it says that the disciples’ boat was *tossed* by the waves. The Greek word used here is *basanizo* and is translated in other verses as *tormented*, *vexed*, or *pained*. (Matthew 8:6; 2 Peter 2:8; Revelation 12:2) Since it could be said that a boat can be tormented, vexed, or pained should we conclude that it is a person? If not, why are we forced to conclude that the holy spirit is a person because it can be grieved?