

Christian Maturity

Challenges People face with Gifts of Holy Spirit

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INTRO VERSE:-EPH 4:11-16

MAIN VERSE:-1 COR. 12:1

**“NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS, BRETHREN, I
WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT.”**

**SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE:- 1 COR. 12,
ROMANS 12:6-8
1 PETER 4:9-11**

Gifts of Holy Spirit –Introduction & Why

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- **Jesus left his followers with a great responsibility.**
- **He did not go without giving them the ability to fulfill the challenge.**
- **We all have desire to be a witness of Gospel. But many times don't know how to fulfill it.**
- **Spiritual gifts are supernatural abilities given by the Holy Spirit to empower believers to be effective witnesses of the Gospel.**
- **A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to a believer to minister as part of the Body of Christ.-Church Level**

Few Definitions

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- Ken Hemphill defines a spiritual gift as "an individual manifestation of grace from the Father that enables you to serve Him and thus play a vital role in His plan for the redemption of the world."
- Peter Wagner defines a spiritual gift as "a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ according to God's grace for use within the context of the Body."
- *A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers which empowers them to serve the body of Christ, the church. -Gene Wilkes*

Few Questions for You

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- **Do you have any Spiritual Gift in your Life?**
- **If you say NO then**
 - Do you realize its importance?
 - When was the last time you prayed or fasted about it?
 - Have you ever decided to forsake certain things in your life so that God can use you. –Ready for sacrifice
- **If you say YES then**
 - When was last time you used your gift?
 - When was last time you desperately prayed to use the gift to help other person?
 - When was last time you suppressed the prompting of Holy Spirit due to fear, shame, lethargy, risk of failure etc.

Purpose of Gifts of Holy Spirit

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- Purpose is given in Ephesians 4:12-15
- According to this passage, the purposes of the Holy Spirit are:
 - Perfect the saints
 - Promote the work of the ministry
 - Edify Christ and the Church
- The objectives or goals of spiritual gifts are that we will:
 - Become united in the faith.
 - Develop our knowledge of Christ.
 - Develop in perfection, with Christ as our model.
 - Become stable, not deceived by false doctrines.
 - Mature spiritually in Christ.

Abuse of Gifts of Holy Spirit

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- **NOT USING GIFTS GIVEN TO YOU (I Timothy 4:14, II Timothy 1:6)**
- **ATTEMPTING TO USE GIFTS NOT GIVEN TO YOU**
- **NOT USING THE GIFTS PROPERLY**
- **GLORIFYING YOUR GIFT**

You are only a steward of spiritual gifts.

Each believer has at least one spiritual gift

Types of Gifts

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- **Special Gifts**
- **Speaking Gifts**
- **Serving Gifts**
- **Sign Gifts**

Special Gifts of Holy Spirit

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Read Ephesians 4:11

- **Apostles**
- **Prophets**
- **Evangelists**
- **Pastors /Shepherding**
- **Teachers**

Speaking Gift of Holy Spirit

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Read I Corinthians 12:18

- **Prophecy**
- **Exhortation**
- **Word of knowledge**
- **Teaching**
- **Word of Wisdom**

Serving Gifts of Holy Spirit

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- **Discerning of spirits**
- **Helps**
- **Leadership**
- **Serving**
- **Administration**
- **Mercy**
- **Faith**
- **Hospitality**
- **Giving**

Sign Gifts of Holy Spirit

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- **Miracles**
- **Healing**
- **Tongues**
- **Interpretation of Tongues**

Gifts in the Life of Jesus Christ

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- ✦ Miracles: Acts 2:22
 - ✦ Healing: Acts 10:38
 - ✦ Word Of Wisdom: I Corinthians 1:24,30
 - ✦ Word Of Knowledge: John 1:45-50; 4:18; 11:14
 - ✦ Discerning of Spirits: John 1:45-50 6:61
 - ✦ Prophecy/Prophet: Matthew 24
 - ✦ Teaching/Teacher: Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 26:55; Mark 6:6; 14:49; Luke 5:17; 13:10,22; 21:37
 - ✦ Exhortation: Luke 3:18
 - ✦ Mercy [compassion]: Matthew 20:30-34
 - ✦ Apostle: Hebrews 3:1
 - ✦ Evangelist: John 10:16
 - ✦ Pastor: John 10:11
 - ✦ Leadership: John 13:15-16; Mark 10:42-45
 - ✦ Administration: Luke 10:1-17
 - ✦ Faith: Luke 8:49-56
 - ✦ Giving: John 10:11
 - ✦ Helps: John 17:6-10
 - ✦ Serving: John 13:4-16; Mark 10:42-45
 - ✦ Hospitality: John 21:9-13 [Had no home yet had hospitality].
 - ✦ **Tongues and Interpretation: These were the only two spiritual gifts not evident in the life of Jesus.**
- These were not necessary because He was the Word of God Himself. There was no need for the gifts of tongues and interpretation to bring a message from God through Him to man.

Understand Gifts

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- **Leadership**—Leadership aids the body by leading and directing members to accomplish the goals and purposes of the church. Leadership motivates people to work together in unity toward common goals (Rom. 12:8).
- **Administration**—Persons with the gift of administration lead the body by steering others to remain on task. Administration enables the body to organize according to God-given purposes and long-term goals (1 Cor. 12:28)

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- **Teaching**—Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying, and maturing the body (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11).
- **Knowledge**—The gift of knowledge manifests itself in teaching and training in discipleship. It is the God-given ability to learn, know, and explain the precious truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth (1 Cor. 12:28).

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- **Wisdom**—Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies His teachings and actions to the needs of the body (1 Cor. 12:28).
- **Prophecy**—There are two prophetic gifts. One is the special gift of being a prophet. The other is the speaking gift of prophecy. In general, prophecy refers to speaking under the special inspiration of God. It is the special ability to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to His people through a divinely-anointed utterance.

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- **Discernment**—Discernment aids the body by recognizing the true intentions of those within or related to the body. Discernment tests the message and actions of others for the protection and well-being of the body (1 Cor. 12:10).
- **Exhortation**—Possessors of this gift encourage members to be involved in and enthusiastic about the work of the Lord. Members with this gift are good counselors and motivate others to service. Exhortation exhibits itself in preaching, teaching, and ministry (Rom. 12:8).

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- **Shepherding**—The gift of shepherding is manifested in persons who look out for the spiritual welfare of others. Although pastors, like shepherds, do care for members of the church, this gift is not limited to a pastor or staff member (Eph. 4:11).
- **Faith**—Faith trusts God to work beyond the human capabilities of the people. Believers with this gift encourage others to trust in God in the face of apparently insurmountable odds (1 Cor. 12:9).

Understand Gifts

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- **Evangelism**—God gifts his church with evangelists to lead others to Christ effectively and enthusiastically. This gift builds up the body by adding new members to its fellowship (Eph. 4:11).
- **Apostleship**—The church sends apostles from the body to plant churches or be missionaries. Apostles motivate the body to look beyond its walls in order to carry out the Great Commission (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11).

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- **Service/Helps**—Those with the gift of service/helps recognize practical needs in the body and joyfully give assistance to meeting those needs. Christians with this gift do not mind working behind the scenes (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7).
- **Mercy**—Cheerful acts of compassion characterize those with the gift of mercy. Persons with this gift aid the body by empathizing with hurting members. They keep the body healthy and unified by keeping others aware of the needs within the church (Rom. 12:8).

Understand Gifts

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- **Giving**—Members with the gift of giving give freely and joyfully to the work and mission of the body. Cheerfulness and liberality are characteristics of individuals with this gift (Rom. 12:8).
- **Hospitality**—Those with this gift have the ability to make visitors, guests, and strangers feel at ease. They often use their home to entertain guests. Persons with this gift integrate new members into the body (1 Pet. 4:9).

How to Discover your Spiritual Gift

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- **II Timothy 1:6**
- **THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCOVERY**
 - **ACCOMPLISH SPIRITUAL PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES**
 - **CONDUCT SPIRITUAL WARFARE**
 - **AVOID ABUSES**
 - **AVOID FRUSTRATION**
 - **ASSUME YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

Practical Exercise To Help You

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- Practical Questions
- Divide into groups of 5 each
- Have a Leader for each Group
- Talk about the Spiritual things you like to do
- Leader & Others try to Identify at least 1 gift of a person
- If you already know your gift then share it with your group
- If you are already using it then share how you are using
- Leaders Note:-
 - **Analyze Spiritual Interests**
 - **Analyze Past Christian Service**

Conclusion

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- Knowledge and Use of Spiritual Gifts are mandatory to fulfill the great commission of mission through our life.
- Most of Gifts require a higher standard of prayer, holiness, life style etc to use in effectively.
- For a believer to have joy in His spiritual life- It is important that he discover his Gift and start using it.
- Need of the hour- Acute shortage of Evangelists