

## GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### 1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS READY! THE TIME IS RIGHT!

- A. I saw the Holy Spirit like Indiana Jones with a large leather duffle bag.
  - I. We were on an adventure. The bag was filled with gifts. They were necessary for the journey.

### 2. CHARISMATA

- A. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? The gifts of the Holy Spirit are called charismata in the Greek.
  - I. The word charismata means grace gifts. They are not earned but are God's "grace gifts".
  - II. These gifts are favors we receive without having any merit making us worthy of them.
  - III. Grace is "God's enabling power to accomplish what he has commanded us to do."
  - IV. Peter makes it clear that it was not his godliness or holiness that made the man whole. **Acts 3:12**
- B. Here is a common list of the gifts.
  - I. *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 NKJV*
- C. Examples of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' Ministry.
  - I. Words of Wisdom - Render to Caesar. The baptism of John from heaven? Cast the first stone.
  - II. Words of Knowledge - Woman at the well. You will find a donkey. Nathanael under the fig tree.
  - III. Discernment of Spirit - Peter, Father revealed. Get behind me Satan. Identifying the demonized.
  - IV. Faith - Lazarus raised. Demonized epileptic son delivered. Fig tree cursed. Wind, Peace be still.
  - V. Healing - Blind Bartimaeus. Man with the withered hand. The paralytic. The deaf man.
  - VI. Miracle - Water into wine. Feeding the five thousand. Widow from Nain's son.
  - VII. Prophecy - One of you will betray me. You will deny me three times. Destruction of the temple.

### 3. HEALTHY OPERATION OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRITS

- A. We have learned many tools regarding the gifts of the Spirit in receiving them, operating them etc.
  - I. But we need to remain rooted in intimacy and keep the preeminence of Jesus as our highest aim.
- B. Seek the Father and to keep Jesus as your focus.
- C. Be motivated by love, be motivated to edify people, and glorify Jesus. Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts.
- D. Keep a high regard for the bible - study it, believe it, use it to discern, put it into practice.
  - I. We need both the Word and the Spirit to be healthy and fruitful.
- E. Seek to carry the same attitude as Jesus - humility.
- F. Don't use the gifts out of a motivation for promotion, power, or to be recognized.
  - I. If you struggle with performance and approval, keep a close eye on your motivations.
  - II. Seek to experience and live in the delight of the Father.
- G. Remain rooted in intimacy and keep the preeminence of Jesus as our highest aim.

### 4. HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. Impartation and Encounter: Get to know the Holy Spirit.
  - I. *I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Tim 1:6 NKJV*
  - II. Find out where He's moving and encounter Him.
  - III. Impartation, Outpouring, Revival, Filling, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or be being filled.
  - IV. Impartation occurs when God uses someone else to be an instrument for you receiving a gift.
  - V. Desperation. "If you can live without the gifts, you will."
- B. Pursue (desire) the gifts. "Ask, Seek and Knock."
  - I. *"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Luke 11:9-10 NKJV*
  - II. *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:1 NKJV*

- C. Faith: If we believe, we will see the glory of God.
  - I. *Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" John 11:40 NIV*
  - II. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. John 14:12 NKJV*
  - III. The key to greater works is believing.
  - IV. *Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. Mark 11:24 NKJV*
  - V. Faith is demonstrated by faithfulness. Faith is demonstrated by taking risks.
  - VI. Operating in spiritual gifts requires that risk taking be a higher value than being right.
  - VII. There is no risk if you know you are right.
- D. Love is really the foundation for the gifts.
  - I. Faith is rooted in intimacy.
  - II. Faith comes from hearing and hearing from friendship.
  - III. Love empowers faith. Love is the conduit through which faith comes alive.
  - IV. Jesus was moved with compassion (experiencing God's heart for others) and healed multitudes.
- E. Activation - Identification, Instruction, Opportunity, Risk taking

## 5. OVERVIEW OF GIFTS

- A. Word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discernment of spirit are the revelatory gifts.
- B. Tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophecy are described as the vocal gifts.
  - I. Distinctions: prophecy is typically predictive, about possibility and relates to God's heart.
  - II. The revelatory gifts relate to God's omniscience (the mind of Christ).
- C. Miracles, Healing, and Faith are called the power gifts.

## 6. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

- A. A word of knowledge is revelation of information.
  - I. This information is received from the Holy Spirit.
  - II. Apart from natural analysis, human reasoning, or other natural means.
- B. *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 NKJV*
- C. The Holy Spirit gives words of knowledge for healing for a specific need.
  - I. This is an indication that God wants to or is willing to heal the person(s) with this condition.
  - II. When a word relates to sickness, usually God wishes to heal at the time the word is given.
  - III. When this is understood, words of knowledge build faith in the giver and receiver of the word.
  - IV. As such, when you receive a word, you should try to give it at the next appropriate time.
  - V. Offer to pray at once for healing after you have delivered the word of knowledge.
- D. How a word of knowledge comes.
  - I. You may receive a word of knowledge any time or anywhere.
  - II. You may or may not know for whom the word of knowledge has been given.
  - III. Most of time a word of knowledge is for someone who is present or you're about to see or meet.
  - IV. A word of knowledge may be given for a person whom someone present knows.
- E. How does God give a word of knowledge (for healing)? Consider the follow seven common ways:
  - I. **You feel it.** A sharp pain, throbbing or other sensation, strong emotion
    - (That you know is not yours).
  - II. **You see it.** (You see a picture with the eyes of your heart).
    - A body part, a person with a certain condition, an accident or event that caused the condition.
    - A symptom of the condition. Someone holding their arm, glasses, a crutch, etc.
  - III. **You read it.** You see a person with a word written on their back, front, or over the head etc.
    - A word written on a wall, floor, a newspaper headline, or banner etc.
  - IV. **You think it.** You sense in your mind that: Someone has a particular condition.
    - The Holy Spirit has spoken a word to you.
  - V. **You say it.** While talking or praying for someone, you speak unpremeditated words.

- VI. **You have a dream** while sleeping. You or someone has a new health problem or condition.
  - You hear someone talking about a condition.
  - You see the event, accident, hospital scene acted out like a movie.
- VII. **You experience it.** Similar to dreaming, you may have a vivid vision while awake.
  - This experience tends to be more three-dimensional than just thinking (hear or see) something.
- F. **Helpful Tips to Receive and Deliver Words of Knowledge**
  - I. Words of knowledge may also be any combination of these ways.
  - II. May come flitting through your mind more like a bird or butterfly than a stationary billboard.
- G. Words of knowledge may be vague.
  - I. You may be tempted to ignore them. Resist the thought that the word was 'just you'.
- H. Don't be presumptuous.
  - I. Don't say, "God just told me you have (such a condition)." It's fine to admit you have a vague impression.
  - II. If you remain humble, you will typically not offend people if you miss it.
- I. Don't be afraid to deliver a word. You may rob yourself or the person who might be healed.
- J. The more specific a word of knowledge, the more faith it typically builds.
  - I. Try not to leave any details out that seem important.
  - II. Be careful not to change or add to a word of knowledge. This may cause confusion.
- K. How to deliver a word of knowledge.
  - I. "Does anyone have (describe the condition of the word of knowledge)?"
  - II. If someone responds, you can describe the word in more detail if you have details.
  - III. And then offer to pray for the condition.
  - IV. Use the five-step model (act in love). Don't pressure people to receive prayer.
  - V. If no one responds, don't be concerned.

## 7. GIFT OF TONGUES

- A. On Pentecost, the early church began to speak in known languages inspired by the Holy Spirit.
  - I. These languages were unknown to the speakers, but known to the hearers.
  - II. *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4 NKJV*
  - III. *Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans, and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:7-11 NKJV*
  - IV. This is one type of the gift - speaking in a tongue that is understood by someone listening.
  - V. This gift does not need to be interpreted because it is already understood.
- B. The next instance of tongues is in Acts 10
  - I. Cornelius' household believes the gospel, receive the Spirit, and speaks in unknown tongues.
  - II. *And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Acts 10:45-46 NKJV*
  - III. There is no indication that these gifts were for others to hear and understand like Acts 2.
- C. 1 Corinthians 14 gives us insight into the gift of tongues and its different forms.
  - I. *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV*
  - II. *He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. 1 Corinthians 14:4-5 NKJV*
- D. Interpretation of Tongues
  - I. *Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 1 Corinthians 14:13-15 NKJV*

- II. *If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.*

**1 Corinthians 14:27-28 NKJB**

- E. From these passages, it appears there are two different forms of tongues.
- F. A tongue for personal prayer, intercession, praise, singing and edification.
  - I. A gift for expressing love for God that goes beyond limitations of language or understanding.
  - II. Praying in tongues bypasses the mind and flows directly from the spirit.
  - III. This gift edifies the person speaking it.
  - IV. Personal edification is good in that it then enables us to bless, love and edify others.
  - V. The gift of tongues can be a gateway gift to release other gifts of the Holy Spirit.
  - VI. This type of tongue does not need to be interpreted.
  - VII. This gift is extremely helpfully for intercession, especially when we don't have words to pray.
  - VIII. *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* **Romans 8:26-27 NKJV**
- G. A tongue to convey a public message to the church – this then takes the form of a prophecy.
  - I. This type of tongue tends to be less common than the first.
  - II. This type requires interpretation; otherwise it is of no value.
  - III. I have seen people being militant with this scripture, like someone has sinned the greatest sin if they speak in a tongue that is not interpreted - I think we need to chill a bit.
  - IV. Let's put our energy into practicing and calling the church to holiness, mercy, love, justice, being like Jesus, not policing the risk takers.

## 8. GIFT OF FAITH

- A. The gift of faith is:
  - I. A sense of knowing something is going to happen, often in response to a prayer or declaration.
- B. Examples of Jesus or the apostles operating with this gift:
  - I. Jesus commanded, "Lazarus come forth."
  - II. Peter and John, "Silver and gold we have none. But what we have we give to you. Arise."
  - III. Demonized epileptic son delivered. Fig tree cursed.
- C. Wind, Peace be still.
  - I. *Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.* **Mark 4:39 NKJV**
- D. We have to believe to receive.
  - I. *Whatever you desire, believing you shall receive.* **Matthew 21:22 NKJV**
  - II. *If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.* **Mark 9:23 NKJV**
- E. General faith to rooted in history and relationship.
  - I. The gift of faith is simple a gift of believing, a gift of conviction, and trust.
  - II. It is not something disserved, earned or labored for but simple a gift.
  - III. It my experience it is given for the moment or the situation.
  - IV. It is not lasting or enduring like general faith that Jesus instructs us to have.

## 9. GIFTS OF HEALING

- A. A gift that the Holy Spirit releases to see healing manifest in the sick and diseased.
  - I. This gift is completely dependent on the Holy Spirit.
  - II. Healing is generally a cure. A miracle is often instantaneous.
  - III. This gift is typically for others. At least that has been my experience.
- B. Examples:
  - I. Blind Bartimaeus.
  - II. Man with the withered hand.
  - III. The paralytic.
  - IV. The deaf man.

- C. When we lay hands on the sick, it is His power on the inside that heals the sick.
  - I. We are simple a vessel.
  - II. *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*  
**2 Corinthians 4:7 NKJV**
  - III. This treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
  - IV. We are like the circuit between the power generator and the light bulb.
- D. Healing the sick was a regular part of Jesus' ministry
  - I. Healing was evidence of the message He preached and who He was.
  - II. Healing is integral part of the gospel of the Kingdom message preached by Jesus.
  - III. Healing is an expression of God's love and compassion for hurting humanity.
- E. Examples of Jesus or the apostles operating with this gift:
  - I. Blind Bartimaeus. Man with the withered hand. The paralytic. The deaf man.
  - II. Jesus healed by a wide variety of methods.
  - III. Showing his dependency on the Holy Spirit is that he never healed the same way twice.

## 10. WORKING OF MIRACLES

- A. The gift of working of miracles is:
  - I. Operating in a gift to release an unusual occurrence, transcending the common course of nature
  - II. *Dynamis* - strength, ability, power, might, power for performing miracles.
  - III. Miracles occur as the divine interrupts the natural realm and order.
  - IV. Often suspending or altering the laws of physics.
  - V. Miracles are about the impossible becoming possible.
- B. Miracles are listed in the bible in connection with signs and wonders. Miracles are often given to be signs.
  - I. Signs are God's signposts pointing us to Him or indicating or confirming something He reveals.
  - II. Miracles are often instantaneous.
- C. Examples of Jesus or the apostles operating with this gift:
  - I. Water into wine. Feeding the five thousand. Widow from Nain's son.
- D. Just talking about the miraculous builds faith to see the release of the miraculous.
  - I. Gold teeth, gold dust, instant weight loss – God was training us for the miraculous.
  - II. I believe the gold was God's indication that we were touching the heavenly realm.
  - III. The gold was just the beginning – it is a basic resource of heaven, used for paving the streets.
- E. Here are a few examples: Walking on water.
  - I. Commanding the wind and waves to be still.
  - II. Raising the dead.
  - III. Multiplication of food.
  - IV. Suspending gravity (Elisha floating and iron ax head)
  - V. Transformation from one material to another (water turned to wine).
  - VI. Supernatural provision (filling the nets with fish, coin in the fishes mouth, widow's oil)
  - VII. Instant healing (blind eyes seeing, lame walking, deaf hearing etc.).
  - VIII. Body parts restored (lepers being made whole.)
  - IX. Women becoming pregnant in their old age.
  - X. Authority over nature (Daniel in the lion's den, Balaam's donkey speaking).
  - XI. Authority over nature and the natural realm (the plagues, red sea crossing).
- F. *For with God nothing will be impossible.* **Luke 1:37 NKJV**
- G. A reason for miracles - miracles lead to salvation.
  - I. *Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.* **Acts 2:22 NKJV**

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