

# SOMEBODY LOVES YOU

## Developing Spiritual Growth

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### LESSON #15 - THE HOLY SPIRIT - PART III

#### I. Are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for Today?

\*Many Bible commentators believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit stopped at the end of the apostolic age. Through our observation of the Scriptures, we know that the same adversary, the devil, is still around causing tribulation in the world as he did in the days of the apostles. We also know that God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Why would God remove these gifts from the body of Christ? Many teachers have used I Corinthians 13:10, which reads, "that which is perfect is come," as speaking of the completed Bible. Since we have the Bible, we have no need for the gifts. It is our belief that I Corinthians 13:10 is actually speaking of the return of Jesus Christ who will establish the Millennium Kingdom. That is when the devil is cast out of this world and Jesus will reign in all righteousness and peace. Their argument is weak indeed, for the Bible gives us instructions concerning the gifts in I Corinthians 12, 13, 14, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4. On the other hand, gifts of the Spirit have been used in such an emotional and abusive manner that many people have become fearful and confused about the operation of the gifts. We hope to present a Scriptural balance to this topic with a clear understanding of each gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### II. Understanding the Gifts for Today.

A. In Luke 24:49 Jesus said He will send \_\_\_\_\_; and the people will be endued with the \_\_\_\_\_

B. What is Jesus referring to? (Acts 2:1-4) \_\_\_\_\_

C. What signs will follow those who believe? (Mark 16:17-18) \_\_\_\_\_

D. I Corinthians 1:4-9. Paul shared \_\_\_\_\_ in verse 7

\*The word "gift" is charisma and Paul uses this word in two ways: one is the gift of God's spiritual graces upon the sinner, and secondly, the spiritual endowments for the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as discussed in I Corinthians 12-14.

E. Paul did not want us to be \_\_\_\_\_ concerning \_\_\_\_\_ in I Corinthians 12:1. The original Greek uses the term "spirituals" or "things of the Spirit," not the word gifts.

F. In I Corinthians 12:4, there are \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 5 \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 6 \_\_\_\_\_

G. What is the manifestation of the spirit for in verse 7? \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. The Diversities of Gifts

A. I Corinthians 12:7-10. There are nine gifts of the Spirit listed in this passage. Please list them:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Who works all these things in verse 11? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is it our will or His will concerning the distribution of these gifts amongst the body of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

C. Observe examples of each of these gifts in operation according to the Scriptures (It is also important to realize that many of the gifts are manifested in combinations).

1. A Word of Knowledge is found in Matthew 16:16,17. What did Peter declare, and who revealed this knowledge to Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

2. A Word of Wisdom is found in Acts 6:8-10. What were the men unable to resist from Stephen?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The gift of Faith in this passage is not speaking of saving faith, but rather the supernatural faith given by God. Look at Acts 3:1-10, whose name did Peter use in verse 6 and who did the lame man praise?  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Can you name two other gifts that were in operation within this passage? \_\_\_\_\_

5. An example of the gifts of healing and the working of miracles can be included in the above passage. Another example of the working of miracles is found in Acts 13:8-12. What happened to Elymas?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. The gift of prophecy is shared in detail in I Corinthians 14:1-4.

In verse 3, when one prophesies, he speaks  
\_\_\_\_\_

It is of great importance that the church understands that prophecy is God speaking *through* man. What is the order and purpose of the gift of prophecy according to I Corinthians 14:31?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many prophesies should be given at one time and who are they subject to, according to I Corinthians 14:29, 32? \_\_\_\_\_

\*The judgment of prophecy is established by the Word of God and not a personal opinion.

7. Discerning of Spirits is not an emotional feeling but a supernatural revelation. What did Paul discover in Acts 16:16-18 with a certain slave girl?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Whose name did Paul use to cast out this spirit?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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8. The gift of tongues is found throughout the book of Acts as people came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and were baptized by the Holy Spirit. If a Christian does not speak in tongues, it does not mean that they are not saved or that they do not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 12:11 it says that the Spirit distributes the gifts individually as He wills, and this includes tongues. Instructions concerning the gift of tongues is found in I Corinthians 14:1-40. Let's look at these instructions verse by verse. We shall also include #9, the interpretation of tongues for the sake of convenience and understanding.

In I Corinthians 14:2 we read that man speaks to whom in tongues? \_\_\_\_\_

Do people understand? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is edified by tongues in verse 4? \_\_\_\_\_

Who edifies the church? \_\_\_\_\_

According to verse 5, do all speak with tongues? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is he who speaks in prophecies greater than he who speaks with tongues unless there is an interpreter according to verses 5-19? \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 19, Paul reveals the importance of understanding rather than emotional tongues. What does he say? \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 27, we are given instructions concerning the order of tongues used in the church. What is this order? \_\_\_\_\_

What if nobody interprets according to verse 28? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 13 says \_\_\_\_\_

The interpretation of tongues will glorify God. It is the Spirit glorifying God through the vehicle of man. People need not scream or lose control when speaking in tongues. What does verse 33 say? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Paul's final exhortation in verses 38 & 39? \_\_\_\_\_

Tongues are also used in prayer according to I Corinthians 14:14, 15 and Romans 8:26, 27.

#### IV. The Difference of Ministries

A. List the ministerial gifts according to Ephesians 4:11:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

B. The names of the twelve apostles are: (Matt.10:1-4)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_

How does one qualify to be an apostle? (Acts 1:21, 22)

Was Paul an apostle? (Romans 11:13 and I Corinthians 9:1, 2) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Who were prophets in Acts 15:32 and what did they do? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was a prophet in Acts 11:27-29 and what did he do? \_\_\_\_\_

D. Who was an evangelist in Acts 21:8? \_\_\_\_\_  
(The word evangelist means to "preach the gospel.")

E. Pastors and teachers should follow Peter's advice in I Peter 5:2-4, which says \_\_\_\_\_

F. The purpose of these ministries is found in Ephesians 4:12-16. \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Many Members with Different Gifts

A. List the seven gifts mentioned in Romans 12:4-8.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

\*There are various gifts available to each member of the body of Christ, and the Holy Spirit divides them as He wills. The gifts are meaningless unless I Corinthians 13 is being fulfilled within our Christian life. May we continue to love one another.

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