

Disciple 201 – Chpt 09

More about Spiritual Gifts

Opening prayer and comments on inspiration from the Lord and areas of personal growth.

The Lord's greatest desire is for his church to be built up and mature, not lacking anything. Those desiring to become mature must gain a vision for this. A story shows this; A man had started a business when young, with family money and had grown it. Many years later he had many employees, a service dept for heavy equipment, parts dept with shipping and receiving, a sales dept, human resources and administrative offices. He had 3 children several years apart. An eldest daughter who worked in administration and had worked in the business for many years and was familiar with most of the business operations. She had developed a good head for decision making. He had a middle son who was mechanically inclined and worked in the parts dept while still in school. He had a 10 year old daughter who liked to help daddy at work like the others. He would bring her to work and would give her tasks to do so she could become familiar with the family business. She was zealous to learn even though she didn't have ability to understand how things work. Any of them could grow into being the next CEO.

! Corinth 12: 12 – 26, The body is a unit, though it is composed of many parts. ... [13](#)For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... and we were all given one Spirit to drink. ... For the body does not consist of one part, but of many. [15](#)If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. [16](#)And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," ... [17](#)If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? ... But in fact, God has arranged the members of the body, every one of them, according to His design. [19](#)If they were all one part, where would the body be? ... But God has composed the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, [25](#)so that there should be no division in the body, but that its members should have mutual concern for one another.

Comment on the concept of attaining maturity and the Holy Spirit's work in growing people into the Body.

As Wisdom manifests, there is a mental concept and discernment of action to take. As knowledge manifests, there is a mental understanding of a concept of God's will. With Discerning of Spirits, there will be a strong sense of God's Spirit acting or some unclean spirit. Discernment of his particular leading can be made clear. With Working of Miracles (deliverance authority over spirits), there will be a discernment of the structure of spiritual powers of the air and an awareness of spirits and the Lord's power over them. There are different healing gifts and a compassion and awareness of people's pain and sickness with a desire to pray to see them healed will come. He will prompt you to pray for some things and in a particular area of physical need. The healing gifts apply to certain types of ailment, not all. The gift of Faith gives a strong assurance to step forward on a concept that is God's will, to know you are in his will doing it. Vision. The gift of Prophecy doesn't make one a prophet but generally allows the Lord to give you revelation in a certain situation as needed. A messenger Spirit. No other ability is given. You have to trust his leading on what to do with revelation. Tongues is called the least of all gifts because by itself doesn't enable you to serve in building the body, it's speaking from your heart to God. It needs interpretation by the Spirit. Interpretation of Tongues allows understanding of what is given by the Holy Spirit. Allows Body ministry. Every Christian who commits to follow the Lord receives one or more of these to start.

Comment on the above. Then pray through first half of Church Ministry Prayer Guide before closing.