

Gifts of the Holy Spirit part 2

1 Corinthians 12:1-14

Review:

- These are spiritual gifts, not natural gifts.
 - o Meaning that these are not like gifts to play the piano, sing or cook. These are supernatural abilities that are inspired by the Holy Ghost that bring about supernatural results.
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit must glorify Jesus and bring attention to His kingdom.
- 1 Corinthians 12:4 There are diversities of gifts meaning that there are different people in the body of Christ with different gifts.
 - o So, when you look at the body of Christ as a whole, you see different people with different gifts and supernatural abilities.
 - o Just like when you look at a natural body, you see different members or body parts with different abilities and purposes.
 - o 1 Corinthians 12:11 says that the Holy Spirit divides the gifts up and gives them to each individual according to His will.
 - o Notice how it says in 1 Corinthians 12:8 to one is given and to another. This means that only certain people will operate in certain gifts and it's up to the Holy Spirit.
 - o You don't decide what gift to operate in or even when to operate in it. It's always up to the Holy Spirit.
 - o So just because you may have recognized that you have operated once in a certain gift doesn't mean that you can operate in it anytime you want to.
 - o If you try to manufacture a gift without the leading of the Holy Spirit, you will either manifest self or even open the door to demonic spirits being able to work through you.
- 1 Corinthians 12:5 There are differences of administrations or in other words there are different ways to administer the gifts.
- 1 Corinthians 12:6 There are diversities of operations or there are different effects or things wrought by the gifts.

Notice the trinity

- V4 the Spirit, v5 the Lord, v6 God.
- You have the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus, and God the Father.
- The Holy Spirit brings and releases the gifts to the Believer. Jesus administers the gifts through the believer. God the Father produces the result of the gift.
- The God head is in control of the gifts from who they are given to, how they are administered and the result that they get. We are just the vessel.

- There are different gifts, different ways of releasing them, and different results but it's all the trinity doing it. The trinity is the source of it all.

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- When Paul says manifestation of the Spirit, it is referring to the gifts of the Spirit.
 - o So, the gifts of the Spirit are manifestations of the Spirit.
- The Greek word translated manifestation is phanerosis which means exhibition or expression.
 - o So, the gifts of the Holy Spirit can also be referred to as expressions of the Holy Spirit.
 - o When the gifts are at work in a believer's life, it is the Holy Spirit expressing Himself through them.
- The actual word manifestation is the indication or existence of the reality, or presence of something.
 - o So, the gifts are referred to here as indications of the reality or presence of something.
 - o The true purpose of the gifts is to express the presence and reality of an all-powerful God.
 - o And according to this verse, every spirit filled believer has the potential of expressing through the gifts the reality of the presence and power of God.
- God has always confirmed His word with signs and wonders following.
 - o This is what made the word of God so impactful in Jesus' ministry and the ministry of the early apostles. Not Only did they preach about God and His power, but they expressed it through the gifts.
 - o The manifestations of the Spirit were something that just backed up that what they were saying wasn't just words but the truth, and it caused men to believe and never turn back.
 - o When we take away the gifts, we take away the expression of the reality of the presence and power of God. When we do that, we weaken the power of the word because we have nothing to back up the word and reveal its authenticity.
 - o Then what happens is the only way to really get people to accept the word is to change it and manipulate it to sound interesting or not offend so it will be acceptable to the masses.
 - o But if you express the reality of the power of God through the gifts, you can preach anything, and the people will hear and receive.
- Profit withal
 - o Some translations say for the common good or for the profit of all.
 - o The gifts or manifestation of the Spirit is given to us so that we can come together and profit by meeting one another's needs.

- These aren't given so that we can make a name for ourselves or so we can have a famous worldwide ministry.
- You may have the gift of healing and I may have the gift of the word of wisdom. And I may need healing and you may need a word of wisdom. Together we can profit because you can get me my healing and I can get you your word of wisdom. Separate we can't profit.
- So, where the gifts are not working because we don't believe in them and don't let the Holy Spirit work through us or whatever the case may, be we are suffering.