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Foreword

All saints who have been part of the process of birthing this Kingdom Culture resource are acknowledged in both the imprint page as well as the postscript. To Elohim is all the glory for release of His Grace, in 21 years, to apprehend His Heart and download same for distribution to the Kingdom Church!

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Use of Hebraic Names of the Most High

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name He revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The Name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Jesus derived from the Greek translation, Ioseph.

We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

Preface for the Kingdom Culture Series

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017.

In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus.

In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517.

Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear the election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an 'African Cultural Church'. The wider and more strategic scope was to use it to use His remnant 'out of the seed of Ham' to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or 'one new man' spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And, be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Romans 11:5 (KJV) 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was

designed to 'Protest' some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins.

The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and martyrdom in the 4th Century. In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the 'School' Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the T>T>E>A>R process. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

Teach saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures

Train saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua

Equip saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support

Activate the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them

Release the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events.

500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries and congregations accordingly.

This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedeck can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically

transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit for-purpose ministers of the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced.

All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom:

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

Psalm 68:11 (KJV) 11 The Lord gave the word:
great was the company of those that published it.

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 And the things that thou
hast heard of me among many witnesses, the
same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be
able to teach others also.

**May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the
instrument of His Grace He designed you to be!**

Chapter One

Prologue

Spiritual Gifts are the Primary instrument of manifesting the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek! To fully understand the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek, we need to reflect on a foundational truth: Holy Spirit needs and uses human vessels to fulfil the Divine Purpose in the earth realm!

He demonstrated this principle in the earthly life of the High Priest of the Order, Yeshua, Jesus Himself. It was Holy Spirit Who planted Him in the womb of Mary according to the Word.

Luke 1:26-35 (KJV) 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his

father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Yeshua did no miracle until Holy Spirit came upon Him bodily at the baptism of John.

Matthew 3:16 (KJV) 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

John 3:34 (KJV) 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

It was Holy Spirit Who led Him into the wilderness and strengthened Him for the epic encounter with Satan:

Matthew 4:1 (KJV) 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Yeshua went in the strength of The Spirit to do all the good deeds recorded in the gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Acts 10:38 (KJV) 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that

were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Interestingly, none of those authors of the gospel accounts could write anything of enduring value except the fact Holy Spirit inspired them to capture essential aspects of the life and ministry of Yeshua, Jesus! Here is how Peter described this inspiration:

2 Peter 1:16, 20-21 (KJV) 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In His teaching ministry, Yeshua shared with the disciples, extensive details of Who the Holy Spirit Is; His assignments in exalting Him and clarifying the essence and context of the truths He shared with them. Before He ascended to heaven, Yeshua forbade His disciples from going forth with zeal to preach. He rather charged them to wait for Holy Spirit to indwell them. The idea was for Holy Spirit to use them as well as all saints as vessels for manifesting Him (Yeshua, Jesus) in all the realms of dominion or Domain assigned to them!

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have

heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Divine Principle is for Holy Spirit to use the vessels of saints as instruments to say and do what Yeshua, Jesus would have said and done, if He were physically present! Since Yeshua was glorified, sitting at the right hand of the Father, Yahweh on the Throne of Grace, those who are called to His Melchizedek order of Priesthood are not left on earth to proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel on the strength of their natural abilities and ideas.

Rather, each is to receive a measure of the unsurpassable power of Holy Spirit as primary means of their identification as part of His Body as well as instruments to release a measure of His power to impact fellow saints, other humans and nature. It is in this context of His exaltation in the heavenlies and the reality that saints are His personal representatives or Ambassadors imbued with the same Holy Spirit Who manifested through His Own vessel that He gave the awesome promise which few saints are laying hold of

due to the limitations imposed by religiosity and false humility:

John 14:12 (KJV) 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

It is not only religiosity that is the limitation, the truth is to walk in this authority, the basic starting point is to emulate Him and die to self so Holy Spirit can use the surrendered vessel to do whatever Yeshua would have done!

John 12:24 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

The Omega Church with which Yeshua, Jesus will close out the human age will recapture the essence of true Kingdom life and ministry across the earth realm! As the leaven of Babylon and its organizational structures are identified and torn down, the organic Body of Yeshua, Jesus which operates as a living, loving organism of mutually dependent and empowering cells or body parts will arise to manifest its Head again.

In a subsequent book, we undertake in depth study of Who Holy Spirit Is and the vast spectrum of His assignment on earth. Let us however take note of the reality Holy Spirit Is He Who:

- Seals saints into the Body of Yeshua after convicting them of Sin and revealing Him as only solution to their sin;
- Transforms all saints from inside out, if given the right of way to work through their lively consciences
- Unites all saints to have a spirit of kinship in Yeshua, Jesus.
- Demonstrates the reality of Yeshua, Jesus – His awesome power through the surrendered and yielded vessels of those who embrace the fullness of Him

The signature of Holy Spirit upon all believers – His Seal happens to come with evidence called the root or basic gifts to use the words of Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu in his epic book, the Church of His Vision. When saints received the gift of Baptism in Holy Spirit and are immersed fully in Him, He releases what is called the enabling or power gifts with which Charismatic manifestation is made possible.

The subject of Spiritual Gifts is so fundamental to the reality of New Life in Yeshua, Jesus to ignore it is to court the spirit of religion and dead works. Because of its origin (Holy Spirit) and essence (to make saints functional parts of the organism which is the Body of Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm), it is needful to do a systematic study of Spiritual Gifts which essentially constitute the fulcrum of all other factors which make up the unique spiritual DNA of all saints.

Assignment

(1). Please share 3 main things you received from this first chapter.

Chapter Two

Introduction & Synopsis

Introduction: Need to restore Scripture over humanism

One of the biggest challenges the Kingdom church must confront frontally is the way some brethren allow their thoughts, ideas and expectations to override clear provisions of scripture. One area where this humanistic mindset is evidently used to great harm is the subject of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. Two broad groups have emerged when the present-day ministry of the Holy Spirit crops up.

- One is the group that insist the Holy Spirit and His gifts are not for today, having gone out of fashion with the establishment of the Church on the day of Pentecost.

Some major denominations have built their whole dogma and theology on this fallacy.

- The second group has a diverse range of saints who believe the same Holy Spirit who invaded the earth on the day of Pentecost is still relevant to the day to day life of saints. However, this seems to be the only point of agreement. From this common ground, a cacophony of voices springs up, ranging from the sublime to the absurd.

There was this funny postulation from one of the leaders of the so-called Apostolic Reformation who defined speaking in tongue as the capacity to speak many different languages or the art of linguistics! Sadly, no one corrected him since he was the Pope of his movement. Such distortions have been fueled by the inability of most “Pentecostals” and “Charismatic” to see it is impossible to serve Elohim ACCEPTABLY WHEN THE REALM OF THE SELF IS ACTIVELY ALIVE!

When the self-life is alive and well, what ensues is souliness or worship propelled from the soul realm or mind, will and emotion rather than from the heart or spirit-man. Yeshua, Jesus Himself taught, during His epic encounter with the Samaritan woman, that true worship must be premised on two wings – In Spirit and in Truth. It is our responsibility to stop worshipping Elohim with the corrupt facility of the soul (our realm of self being where the mind, will and emotions hold sway).

To achieve this glorious state of true spirituality, saints are called to firstly deny themselves, take up their own cross and follow Yeshua, Jesus to Calvary where we will be crucified with Him

Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV) 24Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

When our self-life is crucified, we can no longer seek to pursue reputation, fame, wealth or humanistic empires through religious corporations masquerading as churches.

Crucified saints are dead to themselves; dead to personal ambitions and opinions; dead to desire to be seen and known and dead to their personal ideologies. Such people are made alive by the Holy Spirit who possesses them fully and determines all they say and do. Because He is the Spirit of Truth, Holy Spirit leads such saints into a full understanding of the plan of Elohim for the Church of Yeshua, Jesus.

It is that glorious plan which Satan successfully attacked after the early years of the Alpha Church which gave room to the Ephesians concept of lack of intimacy and preoccupation with dead religious works.

The end time reformation of the Church will begin with restoration of the Lordship of Yeshua, Jesus. For the Church to operate the way He intended there will be a restoration of the foundational synergistic ministries of the fivefold: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. These leadership offices and gifts Yeshua, Jesus bequeaths to His Church cannot function according to the whims and caprices of men.

That is why restoration of the sanctity and authority of the Holy Scriptures as sure foundation of the lives of

saints is not negotiable. True Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers will not and cannot teach people from fleshly minds. They will be faithful to the letters and spirit of the Word of Elohim, believing in them alone, with the illumination of Holy Spirit, is the very tonic that is sorely needed to bring true and lasting revival to the Church in our generation.

The unarguable truth is there can be no genuine revival outside of the Word as its base. The events of a few years ago at Lakeland, Florida where supposed miracles were manifesting publicly while immorality ruled the lives of organizers was sure proof of this assertion. Whenever the children of Elohim first repair the altar of the centrality of the word, the true and lasting fire of revival will ignite again in the saints a passion for holiness; agape love, unity and a going forth to fulfil the Great Commission.

The congregation Elohim will use to bring this to pass in any city or region shall not be measured in terms of size, budget, gender, age, education and eloquence. What will mark out the congregation rather is a rediscovery of the true concept of Church. This true concept is what Apostle Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship, aptly called "The Church of His Vision", the title of his ground-breaking book.

For the Church to function as a congregation of the called out of the Lord in each community, the Lord has endowed several supernatural abilities known as spiritual gifts and spiritual offices. It is interesting to see in many so-called living churches spiritual offices have been jettisoned in favour of carnal titles and offices.

This, in itself, is largely based on the transmutation of the simple concept of the Church from what Yeshua, Jesus had in mind to what men deem convenient, even the humanistic behemoths called denominations and personalized ministries.

Because denominations and their divisive, competitive DNA are not part of the plan of Yeshua, Jesus for His Church, they have largely done more harm than good. Denominations have been misled by the enemy to subtly and even overtly divide the church; instigated strife and competition and decimated the strength of the Kingdom. In order to sustain their humanistic agenda, denominations first have to discard simple scriptural models in favour of complex religious systems which create an aura of divinity. In other words, Church Offices and titles are created outside of what is in the Holy Writ to minister to human ego.

Scriptural Passages concerning Spiritual Gifts

There are several passages in the Holy Scriptures which clearly spell out what spiritual gifts are and their range. Holy Spirit used Paul the Apostle to lay out the subject in detail in several passages. These include:

- The epistle to the Romans chapter 12:1-8.
- In all of 1 Corinthians chapter 12 Paul explained what the gifts are and how they complement to manifest an organic Body.
- In 1 Corinthians chapter 13, Paul was used to warn the Church that spiritual gifts amount to nothing when they are not exercised in love.

- In 1 Corinthians chapter 14, Paul was used by Holy Spirit to give clear instructions on how the gifts should be used to edify other saints and not breed disorder based on projection of self.
- Further clarity on the subject matter is found in Ephesians 4:1-16 which centres on how the need for unity is enhanced when saints discover their individual gifts and use them to build up others as they are empowered by leaders operating in the fivefold office gifts, so the Body is empowered by what every joint supplies.
- Holy Spirit also spoke through the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:8-11 to charge all saints not to be apologetic about discovering and utilizing their spiritual gifts for enhancement of the Body.

This book will seek to present a systematic exposition of the plan of Yeshua, Jesus for His Church to operate as a supernatural entity of functional body parts which sustain each other and the whole in a matrix of spiritual gifts. The course will thus debunk the popular concept of the church as an organization with a pyramidal structure under human Chief Executives which is the prevalent practice of the Laodicean church. In manifesting the spirit of Laodecia which Yeshua warned against in Revelation 3:14-21 we see clearly how the ways of Babylon have infiltrated the organized religious Church in this generation.

Synopsis

The questions that will be answered during this teaching are:

1. What is a spiritual gift?
2. How many spiritual gifts are specifically mentioned in the Bible?
3. What spiritual gifts are implied and in what context in the bible?
4. How are spiritual gifts to be utilized?
5. What are the ways to discover our spiritual gifts?
6. What do spiritual gifts say of the ministry the Lord call us to.
7. In other words, what is the co-relation between spiritual gifts and ministry?
8. What are the dangers of operating outside our spiritual gifts?
9. Is the presence and exercise of spiritual gifts sufficient basis for success in ministry?
10. If not, what are the essentials needful to fulfil ministry?

Various lessons will be released, as Holy Spirit gives illumination and utterance which answer these questions - not necessarily in any set order. As we open our hearts, He will transform us. As we surrender our minds, He will renew us.

The ultimate outcome is we will know the spiritual tools given to us and thus become properly equipped to render spiritual service with acceptable resources: Spiritual gifts!

Assignment

- (1). Please summarize this chapter

(2). Please share any expectations you have concerning what the Lord will do for you through this book.

Chapter Three

First Things First! Discovering Faulty Foundations

First Things First!

Before we delve into the fullness of the subject matter, it is profitable to first gain an understanding of some basic failings which marred the beauty of the Church. Before we can truly know and understand the critical role of Spiritual Gifts, we need to first locate how they were rooted out of the foundation of the Church and replaced with the rituals of Religion and a Priesthood paradigm which had no correlation with the Master Plan of the Lord.

It is impossible for true reformation to take place when the broken foundations are not discovered and laid bare for repair to take place.

Psalm 11:3 (KJV) 3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

1 Corinthians 3:10 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

When we know better, we can do better. Concerning need to know the Truth, this is what King Yeshua, Jesus said:

John 8:32 (KJV) 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Let us therefore understand of how and why the Church is functioning below expectations of its Head, Yeshua, Jesus. Section A deals with 5 major fractures which afflicted the Church in the past 1700 years. These are historic realities many try to shrug off in blissful but harmful ignorance.

1. The switch of the Church from an Organism of functional Body parts to a Religious Organization was a historical fact. It was based on union of Rome and larger wing of the Church.

This was the direct outcome of the marriage in the 4th Century between the Roman Empire and the larger wing of the Church which had become weary of intense persecution, martyrdom and weariness that Yeshua had not yet returned. Once that marriage was affected, the emergent 'Christian Church' became organized to reflect its new status as an 'established' State entity. Offices and administrative structures were created to direct its growth, so it could serve the larger interests of the Empire. Cathedrals and beautifully designed Religious Buildings needed to be constructed and called 'Church' for the Royalty and Nobility that was accustomed to luxury.

Let us bear in mind by the union of 'Church' and State, multitude of Church goers and members departed from true spiritual relationship with Yahweh and embraced a religious system which outwardly looked like what Yeshua, Jesus came to inaugurate. The outer shell of the faith was kept in the form of rituals and activities inside 'Church' buildings but active personal relationship with Elohim based on the new birth experience was lost.

2. Emergence of Christian Religion based on a tiny Professional Clergy Vs. a large dormant Laity.

A Professional priestly caste – called Clergy’ needed to be trained and employed to serve on the Altar and in ‘holy things’ as mediator between a holy but ‘distant God’ and an unholy people called ‘Laity’. The vast laity are then invited, persuaded or coerced to come to receive ministry and ablutions from the professional priests inside buildings with special architecture and decoration where they have a sensing of the “holy” for a few hours each week.

For the clergy, “ministry” was a career, pursued by professional employees who were taught, amongst other things, how to preach ‘effective’ sermons aimed at their religious consumers! In other words, Christians become ‘Church Goers’ and ‘consumers’ of the anointing on their priests! The outcome is supposed saints of Yeshua, His very Body in the earth realm, can by this strange system continue to live in sin all through the week and when they come to “church”, they act differently. What started with Rome soon afflicted the Protestant Movement and its offspring: Pentecostals; Charismatics; Anglicans, Evangelicals and other groups.

‘Switching on’ to ‘Church mode inside the buildings where brethren meet only to ‘switch off’ when outside the building became standard fare. The spectacle of couples who could quarrel while driving right to the car park only to put up an appearance of ‘all-is-well’ for the period of “service”, only to go back to their vomit in the drive back home or at home became the face of hypocrisy.

Worse still, when the saints gather, people are organized to do things according to their gender, physical endowments, age, socio-economic status and other humanistic qualities. These are some of the things that disfigured the nominal, organized part of the Church of Yeshua, Jesus in the eyes of the world. A mere cosmetic makeover of the situation will not do.

The axe is laid at the root of the rotten tree! It is the axe of Word of the Lord which is swinging to cut down all the religious/organizational systems injected between the fourth and fifth centuries starting with the union of Church and State in Rome so the true Church of Yeshua, Jesus will be raised as a radiant colossus which is able to engage and defeat the powers of darkness massed against it (Ephesians 5:25-27; Ephesians 3:10; Ephesians 6:10-18).

The Church based on revelation of His Divinity is the one He is building as He affirmed after Peter confessed Him.

Matthew 16:18-19 (KJV) 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

3. The Deception and Falling Away

In the gospel, Yeshua, Jesus referred to Satan as the father of lies. Lying against Elohim has been his ONE key strategy in dealing with man. At Eden, Satan

switched on his deception to its highest level and successfully got Adam and Eve to doubt Elohim and believe his own lies. The rest is history: The Kingdom was lost, and darkness set in. Satan did not stop there.

There have been various attempts by Satan to make the gospel of no effect. When he fights from outside, Satan's strategies are easily known. Knowing the truism that most human beings have a 'God consciousness' deep within their hearts, Satan's chief strategy has been to invent a slew of religious ideas that sound very sweet to human ears. Instead of fighting frontally through atheistic models, the battle ground is routinely shifted to target the minds of those who believe in Yeshua, Jesus.

Because Church goers did not experience the new birth experience and lacked seal of Holy Spirit and His indwelling Presence, the vast majority of 'Parishioners' depended on the words of fellow humans, functioning as Priests, who encouraged them to be content with physical acts of penance followed by participation in many religious rituals and activities. With the stage thus set, the great falling away has proceeded without difficulty since the lives of most people who claim to be 'Christians' are not anchored on Yeshua but rather 'Churches'.

4. Not Just Rome but also Protestantism!

The reality is the falling away from the true simple relational gospel was not confined to the Roman Church model only! In every century and in every generation, the enemy invents a fresh set of lies designed to cause citizens of the Kingdom to step

away from Elohim and His word in favour of humanistic notions.

As revealed in the book ***Priesthood and the Kingdom Church***, the Protestant Reformation which happened five centuries ago did not totally reject the leaven of Babylon but retained some portions. Those portions have been 'refined' and passed down to its offspring till today, manifesting in the way Pentecostal, Charismatic and Evangelical movements have systematically negated the priesthood of all saints in their practices!

Beyond the mainstream of Protestantism, the vast numbers of cults - whose core identities are in human founders rather than Yeshua and His Word - that litter the Church world attest to this reality. Each of the cults has some unique features.

However, they all touch base in their departure from several vital truths about Yeshua, His Word and what He requires from those who belong to Him, called out of the world system. To be big and have crowds come to hear the Word is not inherently evil but the greater majority of today's Mega Church movement is based on the gathering of multitudes together to 'worship' in a location or locations but end up essentially in making saints 'consumers of the anointing' on great preachers.

There is not much empowerment to make such people step into the fullness of their divine identities or walk in their callings. Rather, they are recruited as it were to build great religious corporations and organizations based on the ABC paradigm: Attendance; Buildings and Cash as someone described it.

The result is though people may speak in tongues and are seemingly 'active', they end up as tools of building denominations around persons rather than their having primary loyalty to Yeshua, Jesus and participating in His Kingdom purpose through effective Body ministry.

5. Pseudo-Kingdom Movement: Religion of the anti-Christ

In these last days, one arrowhead of the departure from the faith is the Pseudo-Kingdom movement. This movement has various facets, but some fundamental issues unite them, when the mask is taken off. The core issue that drives most facets of this strange religion which masquerades as Kingdom teaching is simply a determined rejection of the divinity of Yeshua, Jesus. This is followed by exaltation of humans beyond what the Word says. The second feature is rejection of the truth that He will return bodily on a day and time no one knows to set up and rule in the full dimension of the Kingdom of Elohim here on planet earth.

It is essential to state, in no uncertain terms Yeshua is the central revelation of the whole Scriptures! He is the centre and circumference of the Kingdom of Elohim to which the redeemed are invited to be partakers through His propitiatory death on the Cross. He was and remains the only avenue through which the Kingdom lost by Adam was recovered.

Those who teach that Yeshua was a mere man much like a Prime Minister appointed by Yahweh; those who strenuously refuse to accept the witness of the Holy Scripture that He is Emmanuel or Elohim made flesh have clearly identified themselves as purveyors of

another religion. Let us see what a few critical scriptures say about the anti-Christ doctrines held by many wings of the pseudo-kingdom movement:

1 Corinthians 12:3 (KJV) 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

1 John 2:18-23 (KJV) 18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 4:1-3 (KJV) 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the

flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1 John 5:4-13 (KJV) 4 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

2 John 1:7-11 (KJV) 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Assignment

(1). Please summarize at least 3 faulty foundations of the Organized Church in this chapter concerning

Chapter Four

The Five Pillars of Final Reformation

The Five Pillars of final Reformation and Restoration of the True Church

In the previous chapter, we delved into some inconvenient truths to locate extremely faulty foundations on which a substantial part of Christendom stands.

Let us continue to dig into the foundation of what is best termed 'Churchianity' until we hit ground zero. This is to enable us to avoid the dangers of building on faulty foundations which are unsustainable:

Psalm 11:3 (KJV) 3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be

burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Because most of the Pseudo-kingdom movement do not believe in the Divinity of Yeshua, they have clutched at the erroneous exaltation of Holy Spirit, trying to project Him as Governor of the earth realm. In this again, there is a grand error! Holy Spirit is given to exalt Yeshua just as Yeshua exalted the Father when He was on earth!

John 16:13 (KJV) 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

It is saints empowered by Holy Spirit, functioning as Ambassadors of Yeshua, who are governors of the various realms of the Kingdom assigned to them. It is in this way saints exercise Kingdom authority over their spheres of influence on this side of eternity. It is also such saints who in fulfilment of their Melchizedek Priesthood will function on planet earth at the return of Yeshua as Priests and Kings over specific peoples and territories (Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10; Revelation 20:1-6)!

Because those who subscribe to the pseudo-kingdom dogmas are encouraged to be indoctrinated in ideas and worldviews of their leaders, they are not motivated to diligently search the scriptures to learn the truth under inspiration of the real Holy Spirit. This dangerous situation leads to a scenario of the blind leading the blind!

6. Other failings of the pseudo-kingdom movement

There are two other things the various facets of the Pseudo Kingdom movement believe that need to be understood. One is that the Church is dead and that the name “Christianity” is obnoxious. This is clearly a false assertion. The term ‘Christian’ was first given to saints in Antioch by the Gentiles because they behaved just like Yeshua, Jesus their Master

Acts 11:26 (KJV) 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Let us note in Greek language, with which most of the early New Testament scriptures were written, the Hebrew title of Yeshua ‘Mashiach’ or ‘The Anointed One’ is translated as Christos! In real terms therefore for saints at Antioch and indeed up to this generation to be called ‘Christ-like’ by unbelievers was and remains a badge of honour indicating an ‘other worldly’ lifestyle!

The second is that to such cults, the bible is not inerrant and is insufficient to guide us into proper knowledge of Elohim. The result is that many men and women arise with all manner of personal doctrines that at times contradict the Holy Writ and yet they are marketed as truth. Because of the sweetness of their words, you could follow those who teach such errors for three years or more without picking the full dimension of their departure from the faith! Praise Elohim that He has guaranteed His remnant security through the help of

the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 2 and 3; Jude 24-25; 1 John 2: 18-28).

Contrary to such pernicious doctrines and premature celebration, the Church of Yeshua Jesus is not dead and cannot die! The Church is the Living Body of Yeshua, Jesus Himself! It comprises all who are redeemed by the Blood, whether they believe it; know it or not! Anyone who is redeemed by the Blood that Yeshua, Jesus shed at the Cross of Calvary is a citizen of the eternal Kingdom and part of the Ecclesia or 'called out ones' otherwise known as Church which will be translated at His appearance!

As His Body, the Church is part of Him. He is the head of the Church and the source of its power and relevance on this side of eternity. The Church was birthed on the day of Pentecost and will fulfil its assignment when He returns, puts down all rebellion and reward the saints who overcome with co-ruler ship of the earth with Him in the full phase of manifestation of the Kingdom of Elohim.

There is a faithful Remnant in every generation! In the gracious plan of Yeshua, Jesus, He has a remnant in every generation who faithfully hold on to the truth and worship Yahweh in Spirit (John 4:21-24).

Romans 11:5-6 (KJV) 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

This remnant is sustained by the visitations of the Holy Spirit which renew the Church and keep saints in the mood that He described as the “Wise Virgins” waiting for the D-Day (Matthew 25:1-13). To warn against complacency and a spirit of “let us fold our hands to wait and see”, Yeshua, Jesus in various scriptures taught the Church has an assignment to fulfil while waiting. This dual mandate of the Kingdom driven and Kingdom proclaiming Church is the hallmark of the balanced gospel. That is what is referred to as ‘Occupy, Till I Come’ in Luke 19:11-27.

B. The Five Pillars of Final Reformation and Restoration

While on earth the Church and all the saints who make it up have serious work to do. That work requires there be fresh vigour injected into its fibre by the visitation of the Holy Spirit from time to time. For the emergent Omega Church to be what it ought to be and do what it ought to do there is need for five imperatives to come into manifestation.

1. Restoration of the teaching of the whole Counsel of Elohim in His revealed will. This will involve making the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, final authority in all things that are preached, taught and practised in the Church. Our catch phrase should be “*I am for all that is revealed in the Word*” (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Please ready and study **GSoM Course 100: Constitution of the Kingdom**.

2. Restoration of proper Understanding of what the Church is and its present import in the eternal Kingdom of Elohim

The Church is not the building where we gather once or twice or more during the week. The Church is also not an organization. The Church is simply the Body of Yeshua, Jesus, comprising all who put their trust for salvation on Him alone! The Church at ground zero level is the coming together of two or more saints, gathered unto the Lord to experience the love of the Father and one another; edification, prayer and fellowship, regardless of where that meeting takes place! (Matthew 18:19-20). This could be in a home, office, in a car, a trailer or in a distinct building.

For this reason, the saints are brought to a new consciousness of why they need to effectively represent Him wherever they find themselves and to take the Church –the called-out people - from the building to the community. Where we gather as fellowship centres simply assume their rightful importance as Kingdom training and equipping centres which the fivefold use as launch pad to prepare the saints for work of ministry.

3. Restoration of understanding of Holy Spirit by sound biblical teaching and openness to His office and work in empowering saints to be effective witnesses for Yeshua in this present world. (John 14:15-18; John 16:5-15; Ephesians 4:7-8).

Please see read ***The Holy Spirit*** available for free download on www.kingdombooksclub.com

When Saints embrace Him, accept His gifts and walk as vessels through which He manifests Yeshua, they literally become effective parts of His Body. In other

words, saints should lend their vessels to Holy Spirit as instruments of manifesting divinity anywhere they are.

4. Restoration of the Fivefold as headship gifts of Yeshua for His Church (Ephesians 4:11-16). There is absolutely no doubt that no saint can ever achieve his or her full potentials until the synergy released from the operation of the leadership gifts of Yeshua: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers – are received and utilized. This truth in Ephesians 4:11-16 is so critical to restoring the reality of the Church as a corporate witness to Yeshua which will command the respect of powers of darkness (Ephesians 3:10). Please read ***The Fivefold: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers*** download free on the Kingdom Books website.

5. Restoration of the knowledge and practice of spiritual gifts as the basis of manifestation of all saints in the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedeck modelled by Yeshua, Jesus our High Priest.

The truth must be told – no matter how inconvenient that this is the ONLY acceptable pattern of ministry in the Kingdom Church. This is what will bring us back to where the Church was before it was effectively side tracked, in some cases hijacked by the spirit of religion (1 John 2:18-19). This is the core purpose which GSOM Course 113 now in eBook form will seek to achieve.

1 Corinthians 12:7-13 (KJV) 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the

word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (KJV) 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Let us get ready to dwell on the word to understand what Spiritual gifts are and how central they are to manifestation of the organic Kingdom Church which is a living, loving organism rather than a dry religious organization!

Assignment

(1). Please summarize in a few words, the 5 pillars of Reformation in this chapter.

Chapter Five

3 Definitions

Spiritual Gifts – Definitions

With the foundation laid from the previous chapters, it is now imperative we begin, by guidance of Holy Spirit, an exposition of the core scriptures on the subject matter. Let us first take note Paul was the main instrument King Yeshua, Jesus used to explain what spiritual gifts are and how they are designed to function in the Body.

In this regard, the point is clearly made that the Kingdom Church, being part of the Divine nature of its head, Yeshua, Jesus comprises several parts that are gifted by Holy Spirit to manifest Him to one another and the world.

Writing to people from the idolatrous Gentile background of Corinth, Paul made sure their minds were taken off organizational models they may have been familiar with. What He was about to share was clearly revolutionary!

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (KJV) 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

What follows in the rest of 1 Corinthians 12 is an exhaustive treatise of the organic nature of the Church as the very Body of Yeshua, its Head and how each saint is a specific, identifiable part of the whole Body which is made complete only when each part does its share in love!

This is the same principle Holy Spirit used him to espouse in the Book of Romans. He began the treatise by explaining that for saints to walk in their root gifts, there is need for three imperatives:

- i. Death of the self-life as saints lay all their beings on the altar of sacrifice
- ii. Renewal of the mind so saints manifest Kingdom culture which they imbibe
- iii. Avoidance of pride because of gift projection

Romans 12:1-6 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts

differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

We now begin to dig into depths of the Word as Holy Spirit leads us on.

Definitions: What is a spiritual gift?

Three Definitions are worthy of consideration:

#.1. In contemporary language, a spiritual gift is a measure of Holy Spirit endowed on the saint for use in representing Yeshua, Jesus on earth. In other words, the plan of Yeshua for His organic Body is to use saints individually and severally as channels to manifest Himself in everyday life.

#.2. To use an even more illustrative description, a spiritual gift is the 'showing up of Holy Spirit through a saint'. What this means is whenever Holy Spirit uses a saint to impart a blessing or demonstrate a spiritual gift, Yeshua, Jesus is on display. This is consistent with what the Bible says in the book of 1 Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

#.3. A spiritual gift can also be defined as the part of Yeshua He has made each saint to be so that all of us can bring forth what is in us to build up each other and collectively make the Church – or saints called out of the world system - a strong witness of the reality of His Presence and Power.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things,

which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

As the name implies, it is not a natural talent we speak of. Everybody on earth – saint or sinner has one or more talents. Yahweh gives talents to all humans as part of His overall responsibility as creator, so they can function as unique beings. However, He reserves spiritual gifts only for His children who respond to His un-surpassing love expressed in the incarnation, passion, death and resurrection of Yeshua, Jesus.

Basic Concept is the organic nature of the Body as a living organism

To truly understand what spiritual gifts are and their function, it is needful to be delivered of the religious concept of the Church as an organization people join or a religiously designed or decorated building people go into on specific days to perform rituals and dead works. That way, we will be able to grasp the divine perspective of the Church as a living organism – the very Body of Yeshua in the earth realm – infused with the same Holy Spirit Who indwelt and empowered Him for His Assignment in the earth realm. Yeshua the Head blessed each saint to be a functional part of His Body with some spiritual gifts according to His grace.

Romans 12:6 (KJV) 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether

prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

1 Corinthians 12:7-12 (KJV) 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Gifts are given by the Sovereign will of Elohim and are therefore, of Grace and not by human ability!

The gifts are given by the Sovereign will of Elohim as endowments of Grace. Just like Salvation, spiritual gifts are not earned by works and are not even got by prayer and fasting as it were!

Galatians 2:16 (KJV) 16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV) 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it

is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1 Corinthians 4:7 (KJV) 7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

Just as Yeshua was the Lamb slain before foundation of the world, Elohim knew every member of His Body and had purposed what each of them would be and do!

Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV) 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Ephesians 1:3-5 (KJV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

The plan of Yeshua is that ALL his children will discover and live out their spiritual gifts which are the basis of their Royal priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek

modelled by Him. That is why we are called out of the world to be a different species of humans!

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

As has been variously asserted, every saint is called to be a priest of the Most High. The facility to bring this to pass is the spiritual gift He bestows on each one! Our present dimension of priesthood is a dress rehearsal of what we shall be in the fullness of time during the millennial reign of Yeshua, Jesus.

Those who are too lazy to discover their spiritual gifts will end up in ignorance and give space for their destinies to be diverted or hijacked to serve religious rather than spiritual purposes. Unfortunately, this is what has fostered continued operation of both the defunct Levitical Priestly order as well as Nimrodic leadership paradigms. It is a sad thing indeed to sabotage the express plan of Elohim for New Covenant

saints to manifest His Presence and glory in their individual lives and ministries.

Assignment

(1). Which of the 3 definitions of spiritual gifts resonated most in your heart?

(2). What new thing did you learn from this chapter?

Chapter Six

Seal of Holy Spirit and Root/Basic Gift of Saints

Decoding the grand question of the ages.

In the centuries following the birth of the Church, one question has begged for answers. It is this: at what point does a saint receive the first measure of his/her spiritual gifts? Conventional wisdom says it ONLY is when a believer presses on and is baptised in the Holy Spirit. This view has been the dominant view propounded by the Pentecostal wing of the Christian faith and has been generally accepted by many as true.

A hidden spiritual reality: basic/root gifts are imparted at point of genuine conversion when one is born of the Spirit!

The clear spirit and letters of scripture however paint a different picture. Spiritual gifts are released on two levels. On the first level are basic gifts imparted or wired into the saint at the point of conversion. It is at this point that the first measure of the Holy Spirit is given to seal the saint as owned by Elohim. This truth is consistent with the fact that there is a very serious transaction which takes place when a sinner is convicted by Holy Spirit, receives a revelation of the blood of Jesus as the only price for his/her redemption and makes the value decision to receive Yeshua, Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

The bible teaches in John 1:12 that as many as receive Him, Jesus gives the power to be called the Sons of Elohim. Ephesians 4:7, 8 says when Jesus ascended

to heaven, He led captive all the princes of the power of the air and gave spiritual gifts to the saints. Romans 8:9 says those who do not have the Holy Spirit (as seal of their redemption) not of Elohim. This scripture has confounded many throughout the ages:

Romans 8:9 (KJV) 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Did Elohim mean to say that though converted, a believer who is not baptized in Holy Spirit is none of His as many Pentecostal preachers glibly imply? The clear answer is No!

The whole counsel of Scripture shows that Romans 8:9 does not refer to the baptismal measure of Holy Spirit given to those who press in and are endued with Him from on high but rather it speaks of that basic measure of Him which is imparted to all who believe.

The powerlessness of the Church in several communities world-wide is not the shortage of those who are filled with Holy Spirit but rather the thick cloud of darkness of ignorance which ensures that though born by the Spirit, majority of saints have no idea they are sons of Elohim, His new creation with inherently imparted spiritual capacity to impact fellow saints and the world!

We may need to refer again to Course 104 of the Global School of Ministry concerning the four-dimensional work of the Holy Spirit in the life of saints:

- He seals saints into Yeshua, Jesus;

- Transforms saints into the fullness of Yeshua, Jesus;
- He unites saints into one body of Yeshua, Jesus
- He empowers saint to demonstrate the power and authority of the Kingdom. We will look at the first dimension and examine the others in another lesson.

Let us proceed to break it down for deeper understanding to take place.

Dimension 1: He is the Seal of our redemption.

When Holy Spirit convicts a sinner of sin and shows Yeshua, Jesus as the only solution, such a one repents and comes to be saved. At that point of salvation, a measure of Holy Spirit is given to the believer. It's a SEAL that says: "Elohim owns this one" and a clear guarantee that he or she will be taken up by Yeshua, Jesus at His return – either by resurrection from the dead or by rapture of the living. As the seal, Holy Spirit takes His office as the Peace, Comforter, Advocate of the redeemed of the Lord as Yeshua Jesus Himself promised in John 14:16,18. To understand Holy Spirit as seal of the redeemed, let us consider these passages:

2 Corinthians 1:22 (KJV) 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:13 (KJV) 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

The Seal Measure is when the root/basic spiritual gift is imparted to define the new believer's spiritual identity!

On the day of that the sinner is sealed into or joined to the Body of Yeshua, Jesus, His root spiritual gift is also imparted. This gift – which may be evident or dormant – defines his or her spiritual identity. It is also known as basic or general service gifts, a phrase popularized by Chair of Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship, Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu in his ground-breaking book which is recommended, The Church of His Vision. In other words, the Basic spiritual gifts are what the Lord, in exercise of His sovereignty, makes you to be in the Body of Yeshua, Jesus.

With these gifts saints are made be functional parts of the one organic Church which is not a human organization. When led to be part of and take their places in a local congregation it becomes what they release to others as primary ministry, without struggle.

The duty of a saint is not to be jealous, envious or yearn for what others are and have. It is rather to discover what you are wired to be; accept same and yield to Holy Spirit to use your vessel to manifest same and in the process, meet the needs of others.

Ephesians 4:16 (KJV) 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part,

maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Which are The Root Gifts?

Most Root gifts are found in Romans 12:4-8. When properly understood and accepted in a local congregation, the root gifts form the basis of effective Body ministry which makes for Organic rather than organizational outlook.

Romans 12:4-8 (KJV) 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7. Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let us pick out the individual spiritual gifts expressed in that passage.

1. Prophecy. This is the ability to prophesy and in the process be used by Holy Spirit to edify, exhort and comfort the saints. This is the spiritual capacity to be a vessel through which Elohim brings forth His counsel to His people, just when He wants. This is not the office of a Prophet, but a root gift needed by that office and calling.

2. Ministry/Service. This is the ability to serve others joyfully with the right spirit. This gift is the root of successful ministry as a deacon/deaconess, usher, greeter and indeed most activities in the local congregation which require a commitment to service.

3. Teaching. This is the spiritual ability to receive deeper revelation of both the Spirit and letter of the Word and use same to teach others and instruct them in righteousness.

4. Exhortation. This is the spiritual ability to encourage and stir up the spirits of brethren. This is the gift which challenges saints to be the best they can ever be. Unfortunately, fleshly application of this gift has led to the dominance of motivational speaking which essentially replaces sound biblical principles with psychological tools of success.

5. Generosity. This is the ability to cheerfully share and distribute finances and materials with other brethren and humans who need same.

6. Leadership. Ability to positively influence saints to fulfil purpose of the mission to which all of them are called.

7. Compassion. Ability to empathize with those who are grieving or suffering pain. It is not about having money or material goods to throw around but rather, a special heart inclination to bear burdens of those who undergo suffering. Those who have compassion will do well when organized in teams to offer support to bereaved people in the community or engage in hospital visitations and care of the Homeless and those on the margins of society. This gift is necessary for

application by Christian students who are called to such professions as medicine, nursing and provision of care.

On an individual level, there are many other gifts which are imparted to enable us function above natural laws wherever Elohim has placed us. By the time we survey all the gifts, you will be able to locate your own.

Conclusion of Chapter 6: Effect of understanding Spiritual Gifts (and especially Root Gifts)

We have seen that contrary to what conventional wisdom teaches, there are various measures of the Holy Spirit. One measure is automatic, by which we are sealed as the property of Elohim unto the day of final redemption at the appearing of Yeshua. The Seal measure of the Holy Spirit imparts into us our basic root gifts which define our spiritual personalities.

By our basic/root gifts, the most fundamental aspect of our spiritual DNA is imparted, and we can then grow on to be identified, through their manifestation, as citizens of the Kingdom. There is no struggle involved in this process. The root gifts are who we are in the Spirit! Knowing this truth does not in any way encourage saints to remain at this level and refuse to press into deeper realms of intimacy with Holy Spirit and empowerment by Him.

What such knowledge rather does is to open our eyes of understanding to see that NO saint was redeemed to be a dormant LAITY sitting on the pew to receive ministry from a professional priestly caste called the Clergy. Understanding that by the Root or basic gift all saints have the divine signature that they are

redeemed and owned by Yeshua, Jesus literarily changes the dynamics of Church life!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (KJV) 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Knowing this truth will keep saints away from sin and enable them to press on into the fullness of what Holy Spirit desires to do with their wholly surrendered vessels which are dead to self: Transformation which produces fruit of the Spirit and the Power gifts which come with Baptism in Holy Spirit!

Let us note that the Root/Basic Gifts define who the saint is. You do not switch it on when inside a congregational ministry setting or when doing spiritual services only to 'switch off' when in the Market Place, Civil Society or doing ordinary things. The Root/Basic Gifts are part of you 24/7 and define your persona!

Assignments

- (1). Please explain when and how the Root/Basic Gift is received
- (2). Which of the 7 root gifts of Romans 12:6-8 are manifesting in your life?
- (3). Please share what you specially gleaned as a personal message from this chapter.

Chapter Seven

Transform & Unite Dimensions

Transform & Unite : 2 Other Dimensions of Holy Spirit in the lives of Saints

To drive home the point that we are equipped to be Kingdom citizens and Ambassadors, it is necessary to restate some of the salient aspects of Course 104 that deal with the other three dimensions of the work of the Holy Spirit in the individual saint. Here is what we received and shared in that strategic course:

Dimension #2. Transform.

The Holy Spirit is the divine instrument for transforming our lives so that we are progressively made to be like Yeshua, while yet on earth. He is the sap that runs through our lives as we are attached to Yeshua like a branch. So, we do not need to struggle carnally to be holy. Nothing done by human effort is pleasing to Elohim Jeremiah 17: 5, 6. Our job is to cling to Him like the branch to a Tree while Holy Spirit works within as we yield to Him to produce His character. John 15: 1-16;

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 2:13 (KJV) 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

For the transforming ministry of the Holy Spirit to be effective, He takes His place as the Great Teacher Who guides us into all truth (John 14:17). When we receive sound, anointed teaching of the word, this is the outcome:

- We are rapidly built up by the fivefold leadership to mature quickly into ministers of the New Testament, able to do the work of ministry without struggle (Ephesians 4:7, 11, 12).
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- We mature to such a degree that we become strong and stable in Yeshua, Jesus and therefore can no longer be victims of every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:13, 14).
- The anointing we receive from sound teaching safeguards us from the pervasive presence of false prophets and teachers of heresies (Ephesians 4:23, 24; 1 John 2:18-23, 26, 27). Now that Satan has played his very last card which is to cause many so called Kingdom ministers to deny the divinity of Yeshua, we need this anointing in a great measure lest we lose eternal life. This is because no one who denies the deity of Yeshua, Jesus has a part in the Lamb's book of life!

The preaching of the Cross (that Elohim was incarnated as Man to die for the sins of whole world) is foolishness to those who perish (1 Corinthians 1:18).

- We can contribute maximally to building up other brethren so that as they do likewise to us, the whole body is held together by mutual love,

edification and enablement (Ephesians 4: 15, 16).

Other scriptures which reveal the transforming work and power of Holy Spirit are:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Romans 8:28-32 (KJV) 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Hebrews 12:1-13 (KJV) 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him

endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

The Transformation process produces Fruit of the Spirit:

It is the transformative ministry of the Holy Spirit that produces the fruit of the Spirit, which is the character of Yeshua, Jesus that enables the saint to be His witness and personal representative. It is wrong for the saints to chase after signs and wonders, especially for the wrong motives of using them to earn fame, wealth or acceptance and honour. Signs are to follow true saints as they chase after the Lord and fruit of the Spirit with never ending quest.

As such saints engage in prayer, they receive grace from Holy Spirit Who use circumstances and issues like trials, tests, pain, rejection and suffering to lead them to experience deeper realms of surrender and holiness. Articulated in Galatians 5: 22, 23, the fruit of the spirit is the aggregation of all these virtues: Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control.

Galatians 5:16-18, 22-24 (KJV) 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Interestingly, all the attributes listed in 2 Peter 1:5-11 are but various qualities which combine to create

sound Christian character. We cannot attain them by self-effort but rather as we yearn for more of Yeshua and submit to the dealings of Holy Spirit Who forms Him in us.

2 Peter 1:5-11 (KJV) 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We do not therefore pick and choose which of them we like or desire. We need the whole bunch of fruit to make a whole new man. Transformation of our lives by Holy Spirit is not limited to the experience of instantaneous sanctification as some denominations suggest. Rather, apart from the instantaneous experience, there are also ongoing sanctifications as Holy Spirit shows us things that are not convenient for various realms of our walk in and with Yeshua. Paul the Apostle stressed this point in His epic treatise to the Philippians.

Philippians 3:7-14 (KJV) 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Dimension #.3. Unite.

When we get saved, Holy Spirit automatically grafts us into the Body of Yeshua and unites us with other believers world-wide. We are united with each other in the Spirit as one people and members of the SAME FAMILY OF Elohim, irrespective of gender, age, socio-economic status, race or tribe or countries where we live. The various congregations we belong to are to

disciple us and teach us these truths so that we will enjoy unity of the Faith (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Unfortunately, many people allow the congregations to divide. That is what is called the spirit of denomination. It is not of our Father but rather works against the interests of The Kingdom and frustrates the prayer that Yeshua, Jesus prayed for His Church in John 17.

We are one in the Spirit and whatever our Father has given as a gift to one is for benefit of others as 1 Corinthians 12:7 says. We are not to commercialize or withhold any gift or grace! Scriptures dealing with the uniting work of the Holy Spirit are as follows:

Ephesians 4:1-7 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (KJV) 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together

groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

When we realize this uniting work of the Holy Spirit, we have only one acceptable response: LOVE/CHARITY

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (KJV) 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a

glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

When the spirit of Charity is at work, Yeshua is glorified as Head of His Church and this is one of the work of Holy Spirit.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Assignment

- (1). Please briefly explain what the Transform and Unite measures of Holy Spirit in the lives of saints.
- (2). Why should saints embrace these two dimensions of Holy Spirit?

Chapter Eight

Dimension #4 of Holy Spirit: Power to Demonstrate.

Dimension #4 of Holy Spirit: Power to Demonstrate the Risen Yeshua, Jesus.

Holy Spirit empowers believers to demonstrate the power of Yeshua, Jesus so that they can fulfil the Great Commission effectively with signs and wonders following. That is why He told His disciples not to run off and preach the gospel until they were endued with power from above (Acts 1:4-8). It is the power we receive that is manifested in greater dimension Spiritual Gifts with which Yeshua confirms the ministry He is calling us into.

True ministry therefore is the EXPRESSION OR BRINGING FORTH of what WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. When we bring forth what He put in us, we are engaged in ministry! Every believer who is filled with Holy Spirit is thus equipped by Him to be a conveyor of the Power of the Risen Yeshua through the particular gifts of Holy Spirit received.

We are not just to be satisfied with merely speaking in tongues and fleshly induced disorderly behaviour done supposedly in the name of Holy Spirit! Tongues are a sign of what is stored inside! Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12 outline the gifts we receive. 1 Peter 4: 10, 11 tell us that we have a duty to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive as an obligation to the Body! Scriptures which confirm this are: Mark 16:15 -

18; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-39, Joel 2:28-32; Romans 12:3-8; the whole of 1 Corinthians 12, especially verses 1-11, 28-30 and Ephesians 4:7-12.

In continuation of discussions from the Seal measure, we now need to bring forth how the demonstrative dimension of Holy Spirit works out in the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are outlined in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 especially verses 4-6. We will also show how and why these gifts are enablers to give our ministries the cutting edge required to succeed.

Power Gifts are activated with the Baptism.

As stated earlier, when Holy Spirit convicts a hitherto sinner and seals him or her into the Body of Yeshua, a gift or collection of gifts are automatically imparted to define that person as a functional part of the living organism which is the Church. That is not the end of His work with respect to spiritual gifts. The Lord expects the saint to yearn for the fullness Holy Spirit with zeal in earnest prayer. In response, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus releases Holy Spirit to fill up the saint in what is called the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit simply fills up the vessel of the ready saint to the degree of effervescent effusion that translates into speaking in unknown and unlearned tongues.

This blessed experience can be had in a revival meeting, a regular church service, in a home or indeed anywhere. As Elohim, Holy Spirit is not bound to fit into neat religious boxes built by us. The model we have is the walk of Yeshua, Jesus with His disciples. In a sense, the disciples were products of two dispensations – the Old and the New. After 331/2

years, Yeshua Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to finally seal His claim to Messiah-ship. In John 20:22, Jesus sealed their faith in him with a measure of the Holy Spirit. Yet He charged them to tarry in Jerusalem to receive the promise of the Father! Acts 1:1-8. This is consistent with the words Jesus spoke in John 14:17 “He dwells with you and will be in you”.

In Alpha Church, Baptism in Holy Spirit was always after Salvation Experience when saints were sealed!

Though sealed, the disciples were unable to demonstrate their identity publicly. The 120 who obeyed Him and spent an extra 10 days after His ascension were rewarded when on the day of Pentecost; they were filled to overflow with Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

His presence and power transformed timid men and added new zest to their lives. Moving in that strength and power, the disciples were able to turn the then world upside down despite the limitations of their intellect and finances.

In various parts of Acts of the Apostles, there is concrete evidence that though sealed by the Holy Spirit on conversion, saints were led into further encounters with Him which caused them to walk in the fullness of His Presence and Power. At Samaria, the people that Philip led to Yeshua, Jesus (Acts 8:1-13) received the Holy Spirit when Peter came from Jerusalem and laid hands on them (verses 14-17).

In Acts chapter 9, we also see that though the then Saul was saved at his unforgettable encounter with Yeshua, Jesus on the road to Damascus when He was sealed (verses 1-9), he received the infilling of Holy Spirit only when the obscure disciple Ananias laid hands on him (verses 10-17).

In Acts 18, we see that Apollos, a man who was to be one of the great Apostles of his time was at that time, an eloquent preacher but was ignorant of the baptism in Holy Spirit. It took an obscure but already imparted couple, Priscilla and Aquila to give him a better and fuller understanding of the full counsel of Elohim.

Acts 18:24-28 (KJV) 24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. 27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting

the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: 28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

With the above, we can now see the sad state of the brethren at Ephesus who had no knowledge of Holy Spirit and who had not experienced Him until they encountered Paul.

Acts 19:1-6 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied

To reject Baptism in Holy Spirit is to embrace minimalist version of Salvation by Grace!

By negating the ordinance of Elohim in favour of walking only in the Seal Measure, Evangelicals and

other denominations who despise infilling of Holy Spirit are doing a great disservice to saints. If we must come to fullness of our destiny in Yeshua, Jesus saints need to press on to experience the baptism in Holy Spirit. When this happens, there is an impartation of the gifts outlined in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 and the energization or activation of the gift or gifts imparted when the transition from sinner to saint was made.

To use the words of Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu in the Church of His vision, “the Baptism in the Spirit heralds the beginning of the dominance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. At the baptism in the Spirit, the believer bows in total surrender to the control and dominance of the Holy Spirit. This attitude of surrender is very basic requirement to power ministry. The believer demonstrates this yieldedness by speaking in an unknown tongue, which most of the time is meaningless to him. Yielding to the gift of tongues is the first step designed by God to reclaim the mind, the seat of human intellect, will and emotions, which the devil distorted at Eden when our first parents reasoned themselves out of the will of God for mankind. Speaking in unknown tongues is therefore a triumph over rationalism, which was man’s undoing in the tragedy of Eden. It is submission to the superior wisdom of God. This perhaps gives us a handle to understanding why it seems the most universal experience of all who have received the baptism with the Holy Spirit”

Let no one deceive you with dead denominational dogmas: saints today need Holy Spirit even much more as we are now in the close of the age. Our grand need

is all of HIM and not more money, better buildings, more exciting programmes or radio/television publicity. All these things, without Him and His power produce religion and spiritual death!

Conclusion

It is critical that we understand this reality: spiritual gifts are not given for us to use only when in 'congregational settings' or when assembled within four walls of brick and mortar. The gifts are to define who we are in the spirit so that: · No one will know us after the flesh · Our gifts are to make way for us in all things concerning our earthly walk. For this reason, we need to be sensitive to and wait on Holy Spirit to prompt us as to when He wishes to use us to release a measure of the Presence and Power of Yeshua rather than our using Him to accomplish carnal objectives.

In this regard, our entire lives – including in business, at work and in the professions should be platforms for Holy Spirit to manifest in and through us! For this reason, it is needful that parents need to help their children to choose careers that offer great opportunities for their spiritual gifts to manifest in everyday life rather than stampede them into careers where there is more money, fame or high social status. For instance, young people with the gift of compassion should be encouraged to embrace the Health Care industry; those with the gift of teaching should embrace the Educational Industry. They will do well in sectors where their spiritual gifts are relevant.

Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts are Ambassadorial credentials.

Every Ambassador is vested with credentials which to function in assigned territory. When Yeshua, Jesus was incarnated, divinity invaded humanity and eternity came into time. With His birth, the Kingdom of Elohim was invading planet earth again. Before attaining the age of 30, He did no miracle and preached no sermon. The only exception was the incident at the temple when he was left behind by Mary and Joseph at the age of 12 recorded in Luke 2:41-52.

At the age of thirty when He came for the baptism of John. Before Israel, two interrelated things happened to announce His Public assignment: significantly, the first was that Holy Spirit descended on Him like a Dove and Yeshua, Jesus was endued with the fullness of the Power to function (given Holy Spirit without measure!). The second was that the Father spoke from heaven and declared Him to be the beloved Begotten Son.

It is interesting that to function in His Messianic Office; Yeshua, Jesus though the Incarnation of Elohim needed to present His letters of credence – infilling of Holy Spirit – in the earth realm. This conclusion cannot be clearer: Holy Spirit Who quickened the lifeless clay design before it became a living soul in Adam at beginning of human history in Genesis 2:7 was announcing a new assignment: to fill humans (through the Model Man, Yeshua Jesus) with divinity to function in the earth realm on behalf of the Kingdom of heaven!

Read this glorious neglected truth in these scriptures: Luke 3:21-23; Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34; John 3:23-36. From there, His ministry exploded with mighty manifestations!

If the very Son of Elohim; if He who came from heaven needed Holy Spirit to function on planet earth, we who are mortals need the same Person and Power of Holy Spirit much more. Holy Spirit is the evidence of our belonging to Elohim as the seal measure shows.

His power at work within and through us constitutes the main credentials we present to the world as Ambassadors of the Kingdom. Ours is a supernatural Kingdom and we are to be living proofs of this reality.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Dangers of partial filling among Evangelicals and Pentecostals!

Let it be noted that when saints in the Evangelical community walk in the seal, transform and unite measures of Holy Spirit alone, they cannot be fulfilled in manifestation of their divine identities and destinies. Those in the Pentecostal community who go for only the Demonstrative measure and do not give room for the Transformation and Uniting measures often become so besotted by the miracles and manifestations of power that their characters come short of the nature and lifestyle of Yeshua, Jesus who they are supposed to represent. They tend to be partisan, revert to organisational building patterns and use the gifts to build religious empires!

The Omega or Kingdom Church cannot afford to cherry-pick which dimension of Holy Spirit to receive

and walk in! The Omega Church will embrace and walk in all dimensions of Holy Spirit and be thus known by those outside the Kingdom as true Ambassadors thereof who truly are witnesses of Yeshua, Jesus!

In another lesson, we shall describe the demonstrative/power gifts.

Assignment

1. Please describe what the demonstrative measure of Holy Spirit is and cite at least 1 scripture where Yeshua, Jesus promised it.

(2). Please share at least 3 things you learnt from this chapter.

Chapter Nine

Underlying Principles

The Enabling Gifts: Exposition of 1 Corinthians 12

In a previous chapter, we saw how Romans 12:6-8 explains 7 spiritual gifts that define who saints are at the basic level. That is why we referred to them as 'Root Gifts'.

In this lesson, we will proceed to examine and understand what has been referred to as the 'Enabling Gifts' found in the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 12. Two broad groups of gifts appear in 1 Corinthians chapter 12. The first are those outlining the gifts of Holy Spirit for the purpose of enabling the saint to achieve cutting edge success in life, in ministry and calling. These are found in verses 8-10.

The second group of gifts are in verses 28 which deal with the office/leadership gifts and some other gifts needful in the Kingdom. The leadership gifts, their purpose and outcomes are further outlined in Ephesians chapter 4 verses 11-16.

The Enabling spiritual gifts

These are the gifts mentioned in this passage:

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (KJV) 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to

another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

These gifts are referred to as 'enabling' because they bring forth the sharpness of power in the root gifts that are listed here:

Romans 12:4-8 (KJV) 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

The enabling gifts when discovered and embraced also complement the Fivefold office gifts/functions listed here:

Ephesians 4:11 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

In other words, the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 enable saints to demonstrate the reality of being Ambassadors sent by and representing Yeshua, Jesus to those who encounter them whether in day to day life or in ministry. In a clear sense, manifestation of the enabling spiritual gifts and indeed all spiritual gifts confirm the principle of Acts 1:8 which is to make the saint a clear witness

for Yeshua, Jesus. In summary, let it be restated that whether a saint is called to basic ministry in everyday life; serve in the local congregation or is called to function in the fivefold office or represent Yeshua, Jesus as an ambassador in the Market Place, receipt of the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 verses 8-10 will provide the extra capacity to fulfil his/her ministry.

The 4 Underlying principles

Before we proceed into examination of each of the specific gifts, it is necessary that we understand some underlying principles concerning spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11 (KJV) 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

From these verses we learn some foundational principles that will help us to receive one another, bond together and be mutually blessed by what all joints supply according to Ephesians 4:16:

i. There are diversities of Spiritual gifts. Because of this, necessity is upon us to know them all, rather than focus only on our own gifts. Knowing all the various gifts will enable us to receive each other as members of the same body who are on assignment to bless one

another. When this is so, we will not know each other by the flesh any more – gender, age, race, ethnicity, financial status or family background. We will rather know people by who they are in the Spirit, evidenced by what He uses them to release.

ii. Not only are there diverse gifts, the way they manifest and operate vary according to how Holy Spirit uses individuals. Knowing this truth is very critical so that we will not misjudge the motives and intents of people because their spiritual gifts manifest differently from ours or how we are familiar with. We will not attempt to shut down manifestations which vary from ours but will give room for all brethren to flow in liberty of son-ship, if they are not disruptive or disorderly.

The grand purpose of Elohim is to use the saint as a channel to express divinity for blessing other saints and humanity! This notion lies at the heart of a proper understanding and application of all the gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and indeed the entire issue of spiritual gifts.

iii. Let us note that spiritual gifts are Manifestations of the One Holy Spirit. They are not to be switched on and off at will of the saint! We cannot and should not attempt to use the gifts as we will, out of emotion or carnal considerations or to show off. We have no right to control Holy Spirit by determining when to use spiritual gifts and when not to use them. They are appropriately called “manifestations of the Spirit” or, in contemporary language, “the showing up” of the Holy Spirit!

The core principle here is that Holy Spirit alone knows when and how He wants to show up to demonstrate His Presence and Power through a yielded vessel. Holy Spirit in effect wants to have right of way to determine when He wants to demonstrate the reality of the Risen and Glorified Yeshua, Jesus and power of His Kingdom through the chosen vessel. He knows when to turn us on and when to keep us mum.

We have nothing to prove and we are reminded the futility of doing anything in the flesh or by our own desire. Yeshua, Jesus once told the disciples that when they are hauled before civil courts and authorities, they should not bother to premeditate on what to say. At the very hour, the Lord will show up and put words in their mouths.

This principle was well understood and observed by the Prophets of old who only spoke as they were moved by Holy Spirit

2 Peter 1:20-21 (KJV) 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

iv. According to 1 Corinthians 12:11, it is Holy Spirit Who distributes these gifts to individuals. Saints who know this truth will not engage in politicking or quest for vain glory. They will not engage in fleshly behavior such as competition and strife. Rather, all will seek greater intimacy with Holy Spirit in the Word, prayer, Charity and holy living, ever ready to serve others with the gifts imparted into them.

Assignment

1. Please discuss the 4 underlying principles concerning Spiritual Gifts.

Chapter Ten

The 9 enabling Gifts

The 9 enabling Gifts

Let us now examine the 9 enabling spiritual gifts which are manifestations of Holy Spirit through vessels He chooses in the Body to impart and impact others:

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (KJV) 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1. Word of Wisdom. This is the supernatural utterance of the mind of Elohim concerning the direction to go on a matter through the saint who has been so gifted. Holy Spirit uses the saint He chooses to reveal what is to happen or provide clear solutions to protracted problems. It is a gift of insight into the mind of Elohim Who alone is the wellspring of wisdom. Word of wisdom can come forth within the context of a church service, in a business meeting, in government service and in everyday life, including the home, at school or indeed everywhere.

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers who have this gift will find it a useful enabler to be more effective in directing saints to walk in the

centre of divine purpose. Saints in the Market Place also need the gift to break through difficult situations. It is critical to note that this gift is called “word of wisdom”. This implies the gift is not a property of the saint. The saint does not have a storehouse of this gift to gush it out at will, otherwise, he/she can be tempted to play Elohim. The gift is designed in such a way that the saint cannot of his/her own turn it on and off at will. Those who Holy Spirit has blessed as channels of conveying this gift are called to be sober and of few words so that their dispositions can be conducive to its manifestation.

2. Word of Knowledge. Word of Knowledge is the revelation of present realities that are hidden from natural minds. The mind of man is limited in understanding and often beclouded from various degrees of reality. Holy Spirit however chooses some saints, on His own volition, as channels for revealing what is hidden.

Differences between Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge

Word of knowledge differs from word of wisdom in these contexts:

- i. Word of wisdom deals with things in the future while word of knowledge deal with things in the now or present.
- ii. Word of wisdom shows solutions to problems and times when certain things will be consummated while word of knowledge reveals facts of a present matter. If a minister while preaching or ministering suddenly says “there is a woman to my right who has been diagnosed with a heart condition, but the Lord has taken it away

now as we speak” and it accurately reveals what was unknown, a word of knowledge has taken place. If a brother or sister seeks counsel from a Pastor concerning a complicated matter but receives a simple word which cuts through the mass to reveal the way forward which resonates in the heart and causes joy to break forth, a word of wisdom has been experienced.

If in a business or government meeting there is a complex problem, and everyone is at a loss of what is the best way forward or when best to initiate a project and a saint comes forth with a clear and precise solution either orally or in writing without any burning of midnight candles or tossing about with many ideas, the word of wisdom has been manifested.

It is a sad thing that the devil has tried to convince saints to confine spiritual gifts within the ambit of buildings they call ‘churches’. In this final dispensation, saints need to know that each of us is the primal church or habitation of Elohim by His Spirit. Whatever gift the Lord blesses us with is a sure measure of His desire to use us to impact our world. Our gift will make a way for us!

3. Faith. The gift of faith is supernatural ability to know what Elohim can do, what He will do and to stand and declare same with all confidence. This gift is sorely needed in demonstrating the reality of the Kingdom in all spheres of endeavour. Whether in Church leadership, in Government and the Market place, the gift of faith enables the channel through whom Holy Spirit speaks to rally the saints and sinners alike to believe Him as the Alpha and Omega.

Elijah exhibited the dual gifts of word of wisdom and faith when he declared with certainty to the woman of Zarephath that Elohim will supply all her needs in 1 Kings 17:8-16. The gift of Faith is beyond the normal grace of faith every saint is called to have in Elohim.

4. Gifts of Healing. It is the will of the Father that Holy Spirit imparts grace from the stripes that Yeshua, Jesus suffered at the Roman Praetorium to bring healing to infirmities of the body and soul. It is important to note that this is a compound gift or basket of gifts “gifts of healing”. This implies that it is a gift whose operation is outside the box and can manifest in several ways. Yeshua, Jesus and the early disciples demonstrated the use of this gift mix at various times in ministry. There were some people He healed from a distance such as the servant of the Centurion. There are those He healed, by merely touching them such as the lepers who were cleansed. There are others who received healing by touching and drawing the virtue in Him to touch and take away their infirmities such as the woman with the issue of blood. In yet another instance, Yeshua, Jesus used His spittle and soil as points of contact. At the Gate Beautiful in Acts 3:1-7 Peter and John were used of the Lord to heal by lifting a crippled man up as the word of healing was uttered. In Acts 5: 12-16, the shadow of Peter was a point of contact for impartation of healing virtue. In Acts 9:32-34, Holy Spirit used Peter to heal Aeneas by the word of authority. Paul the Apostle was used mightily by Holy Spirit to bring healing to many. In Acts 19:11, 12, handkerchiefs from Paul’s body were used as points of contact for healing.

To prove that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are to be used at His prompting and not that of the believer's will or mindset we see that in 2 Timothy 4:20, Paul left his aide Trophimus sick at Miletus! Paul could not of his own will and ability switch on the gift to decree healing at will. He acted as prompted by the Holy Spirit. Even Yeshua, Jesus Himself, while on earth did not heal everyone! The people of Nazareth allowed familiarity and unbelief to hinder them from receiving His miracles. The man at the Beautiful Gate was there in the days that He walked the earth and yet was not healed. Elohim had evidently ordained that Peter and John would be the vessel through who healing would be manifested and that through that incident a great door will be opened for the early Church. Modern day evangelists who make wild claims of ability to heal everyone or prophesy to everyone present in promotional materials advertising their meetings are advertising their immaturity or ignorance in the ways of the Spirit! We cannot bulldoze the Holy Spirit to do what we want. We can only prepare our hearts and beings to be acceptable channels through which He will show up at His own time and place of choice!

5. Working of Miracles. This is another compound gift. It is the supernatural ability to be used by Holy Spirit to cause the supernatural to manifest in the natural. Miracles can occur in various forms and ways. In the case of Joshua, the gift caused a major shift in weather conditions when the Sun and Moon stood still while he completed the divine assignment. In the case of Yeshua, Jesus, Elisha and Paul, the dead were raised. Extraordinary promotions and Financial breakthrough also qualify as miracles. Miracles are

also manifested in gifts of healing and can encompass every area of life. In this closing chapter of the age, we need to demonstrate the power of the Kingdom through miracles. When unbelievers and religious people see raw manifestations of miracles, they tend to know Elohim and His Kingdom are manifested! This can open them up to receive Salvation.

Purpose of Miracles

Miracles are also referred to as signs and wonders because whenever they occur; they signify the presence of the Kingdom and keep people in wonderment which opens a door for preaching of the true gospel.

Luke 11:20 (KJV) 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

This is the critical essence for their manifestation according to Mark 16:15-18. Those who use miracles for self-glory or to make money are in danger of judgement and eternal condemnation! We are also warned not to fall into the trap of doing miracles to impress people or out of pressure to prove who we are (Luke 11:29-32).

6. Prophecy. We have dealt with this gift in Romans 12. Because it is also listed in the enabling category, we shall examine it further. A prophecy takes place whenever Elohim communicates to His people through a chosen vessel. According to 1 Corinthians 14:3, the purpose of Prophecy is to Edify, Exhort and Encourage the saints. This gift is manifested so the saints will have the peace and comfort which Yeshua promised them

even in the face of adverse conditions created by the world and its human governments or systems (John 16:33). In Acts 15:32, we see Judas and Silas were used of Holy to encourage and comfort the saints. Saints are exhorted to desire to flow in the prophetic. The reason is that wherever true prophecy flourishes, the saints walk in greater light. They can hear what the Lord has to say and adjust their life courses and make choices accordingly.

Judging Prophecy

Prophecy should however not be swallowed hook, line and sinker. According to 1 Corinthians 14:24, 29-33 Prophecy should be judged and evaluated as to the implications of following what it says. Will that lead the saints to a more intimate relationship with the Lord or draw them away? Will following the prophetic release cause the saints to walk in greater realms of depth of understanding and submission to the will of Elohim or not? Is the prophecy consistent with the express word of Elohim or negates the word? Will it cause strife, division and activate ambition and carnality?

For this reason, a simple rule is recommended to all saints: “*Thus saith the Lord*” should never negate “*it is written!*” In addition, saints need to be cautious when a vessel through whom a word of prophecy is uttered begins to campaign to release it; seeking to use what was uttered to influence, control or manipulate the hearers. Prophecy is supposed to flow from Holy Spirit through the spirit-man of the saint. Once the soul – the realm of mind, will and emotion – intrude into the process, corruption will follow.

7. Discerning of Spirits. This is the supernatural ability to rightly identify the nature, source and capacity of the spirits at work in the life of people. It is also the ability to discern the motive behind what some one is saying, even if the words appear nice and sounds right. Paul the Apostle demonstrated this gift to great effect at Ephesus when he identified the spirit of divination at work in the life of the young slave girl who correctly called him and his team as servants of Elohim. Her description of Paul and companions was true. However, Paul rightly discerned the demon which possessed and used her vessel to speak.

Acts 16:16-18 (KJV) 16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

This gift will help local congregations to identify infiltrators who, like the Gibeonites in the days of Joshua, will sneak into the fold having all outward forms of conformity but with clear agendas to destroy fellowship for selfish purposes.

Saints must not confuse discernment with suspicion which is a negative soulish activity! Suspicion can be deadly and often destroys true spirituality, if not recognized and dealt with by genuine repentance.

8. Speaking in Tongues. This gift should be properly called communicating messages from Elohim in other tongues that are not known by the vessel through whom utterance is made. It is different from the general sign of the infilling in the Holy Spirit which is accompanied by utterance in other tongues as in Acts 2:1-6. Here in 1 Corinthians 12:10, it speaks of the ability to receive and communicate to saints in any setting, a message from the Lord but in an 'unknown' tongue.

Not every saint is blessed with this gift as 1 Corinthians 12:28-30 shows. Those who try to pretend they have it are guilty of lying and passing off under false pretence! Judgement day beckons when Elohim will bring everything to light and assess people for what they did in His name (2 Corinthians 5:10). This is the most abused practice in Pentecostal and Charismatic communities largely because of two factors – Ignorance and Indiscipline.

9. Interpretation of Tongues. This is the supernatural ability to interpret messages that are conveyed through the gift of tongues. This is one of the major missing gifts in the House hold of faith today. Yet, this is a sorely needed gift that can save the Church so much trouble. This gift is like a decoding mechanism that rightly expounds to the people whatever the Holy Spirit brings forth through the gift of tongues. This is not the same as translation of languages which is an academic/intellectual activity. Those who translate are skilled to interpret words for accurate meaning.

The gift of interpreting tongues simply conveys in understandable language with clarity, the message

uttered in tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:6-13 reveals Elohim does not want His people to be in the dark concerning what He says to them. In John 10:27, Yeshua made it clear that His sheep hear His voice. From what we have seen so far, these 9 gifts are to be used at the prompting and direction of the Holy Spirit. When they are rightly exercised, they prove beyond a shadow of doubt, the present dispensation of the Kingdom is on the march and demand appropriate response from those who are outside.

Assignment

- (1). Please briefly explain any 5 of the enabling Spiritual Gifts
- (2). Please share which of these 9 enabling gifts(if any) are manifested in your life.

Chapter Eleven

The Other Gifts Part 1

Identifying and expounding the “Other spiritual Gifts”

Let us remember Holy Spirit is breaking down what Spiritual Gifts are so we can see the Church as it is: The Organic Body of Yeshua which is a living, loving organism. In this way, we are delivered from the Babylonian concept of Church which is a us organization people ‘join’ or a religiously designed or decorated building people ‘go into’ on certain ‘holy days’.

The Days of Ignorance, with which Satan kept the Church yoked to rituals of religion are over! It is now a personal choice for any believer to be too busy to study to understand the spiritual gifts that are wired into their persona.

Hosea 4:6 (KJV) 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

On the other hand, those who will hear these truths and embrace them will discover the Joy of liberty in the Spirit to discover and walk in their true identities in the Body:

John 8:32 (KJV) 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

So far, we have examined 7 spiritual gifts in Romans 12:6-8 and 9 spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. This makes a total of 16. The Other Spiritual gifts in scripture are as discussed in this chapter.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV) 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Let us pass over discussion of the gifts of Apostle, Prophet and Teacher cited in verse 28 which will be summarized later and form the main message in another Course: The Ascension Office Gifts.

#.17. Helps. This is the gift to graciously support another person or persons to fulfil vision received from Yeshua, Jesus for manifestation of an aspect of or expansion of the sphere of His Kingdom Church. This gift is an exceptional one and is sorely needed for the true Kingdom Church to manifest Yeshua, Jesus to the world.

Those who manifest this gift fit into picture of servant leadership in John 13:1-17; Matthew 20:24-28. Those who have the gift of helps are dead to self. They are thus able to embrace any vision to which they are called as if it were their own. They easily buy into visions and are great helpers of work in the hands of Frontline Ministers and visionaries. Their faithfulness and commitment to Yeshua as Head of the Church, the vision given, and vessel chosen as visionary or leader is legendary.

Any ministry that is blessed with those in the ministry of helps will enjoy unprecedented growth. The reason is they make great helpers of the work in the manner described in 1 Chronicles 12:1-38. Those who are called to the office of deacons, ushers and various supportive ministries often excel if there is a basic gift of helps in their lives.

The Gospel of Luke gives us a picture of some women who were active in the ministry of helping Yeshua, Jesus by taking care of the various needs He had.

Luke 8:1-3 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, 3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Phoebe the deaconess, Priscilla and Aquila, Ephenetus and Mary were helpers of Paul the apostle to the degree they featured prominently in his commendation letter.

Romans 16:1-9 (KJV) 1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cencrea: 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in

Christ Jesus: 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us. 7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. 8 Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord. 9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

All true visionaries sent by Yeshua have other saints specifically assigned to be helpers of the work committed to their trust. Those who fail to take their places are cheating themselves as they will find out on the last day!

#.18. Governments. Between Romans 12:8 and 1Corinthians 12:28, there are two gifts implied in the term 'Governments'. One is 'Rule' (Leadership) while the other is 'Administration'.

Romans 12:8 (KJV) 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV) 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Let us therefore break them down into the two gifts they are.

#.19. Leadership. Leadership is the gift to lead any unit of saints into a fresh expression of His purpose or expansion of the scope of His Presence. Leadership is a gift with macro-management perspective. Those who are gifted for leadership are equipped with strategic understanding of the purpose and vision from Elohim. They can assemble, by the Spirit and without struggle, the mix of various gifts and callings required for success. Wisdom is an enabling gift that helps such people a lot.

#.20. Administration. Administration on the other hand is the gift of managing human and material resources for optimum outcomes at the basic level. This is a gift that gives one the grace to micro manage. Administrators are supportive ministers who give effect to the smaller details and mind the fine print/details of the work. They make things happen because of the grace for detail. To be found here are people who manage or run ministry offices, secretaries, executive and personal assistants.

#.21. Celibacy. Yeshua, Jesus spoke of this gift when He issued the New Testament rule of Marriage as a union between a man and woman who become one.

Matthew 19:10-12 (KJV) 10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. 11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. 12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's

womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

This gift enables one to live for Elohim and be wholly content; free of pressures of sexuality or the need to procreate. There are many who Elohim has given this gift but who do not want to accept same because of over emphasis on marriage in the modern Church and cultural stereotypes against single people. Such people know fully well they will live better without the yoke of marriage and yet because of such cultural mindsets, they force themselves into relationships where Elohim is not involved and honoured. In that case, marriage is endured and not enjoyed! Paul the Apostle received this gift, was content and fulfilled as he poured out his life as a drink offering to the Lord. He was thus able to expressly encourage other believers to follow his example (1 Corinthians 7:1-2, 7-9, 25-35, 37-40).

1 Corinthians 7:1-2, 7-9 (KJV) 1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. ..

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. 8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they

cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

#.22. Hospitality. In the book of Peter, saints are urged to engage in the ministry of hospitality as an avenue to promote the Kingdom life.

1 Peter 4:9 (KJV) 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

In 1 Timothy 3:2, those who aspire to be Bishops are required to be hospitable because they will deal with different kinds of people. The gift of hospitality however enables the saint to operate at a higher level where receiving and refreshing brethren and visitors becomes a ministry and calling pursued passionately.

Those with this gift are ever willing to share what the Lord has blessed them with. It has no bearing with whether they are wealthy or not because the gift operates with a mind-set and attitude that recognizes the activity as a Holy Spirit imparted and led mandate. Those who have the gift of hospitality do not discriminate and treat brethren differently according to spiritual, social or economic standing. They open their doors and cheerfully share their meals with those who come in.

Their cheerful disposition backed by the love of Yeshua, Jesus which compels them make such people effective in providing platforms of unity where brethren find the 3-legged fellowship complete (Fellowship of the Heart; the Table and the Knees). Martha, Mary and Lazarus distinguished themselves in providing rest and refreshment for Yeshua, Jesus on a regular basis. Stephanas was singled out by Paul as having excelled

in the gift of hospitality. For this reason, he was commended to the house hold of faith as a man who others should submit to.

1 Corinthians 16:15-16 (KJV) 15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) 16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

You will know that this gift is in operation when you have a deep desire to bring people home, have them refreshed and possibly sleep over. There will be no showing off involved but a deep sense of spiritual duty of love to fellow saints and visiting ministers. Where these kinds of saints exist, there will be no need to spend money to host visiting ministers in expensive hotels!

#.23. Missionary. This gift is implied in scripture. It is the supernatural grace to easily fit into and function in cultures other than the familiar for the principal purpose of advancing frontiers of the gospel. The apostolic call of Paul and Barnabas was predicated on this supernatural equipping.

Acts 13:1-4 (KJV) 1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3

And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Yeshua, Jesus Himself laid the foundation for this gift/calling with the final words He uttered before ascending to heaven.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Among those in various mission fields of the world it is easy to distinguish those who are gifted for cross cultural ministry from those who are simply pursuing a ministry career. Those who are gifted do not complain because they do not proceed into mission work with any expectations. They receive a commission from the Lord and are led by Holy Spirit to proceed to particular places. They trust Elohim wholly and commit themselves 100 percent to Him for protection and provision. With the right attitude, they can fit into any environment where the Lord sends them.

With time, they can discern the locals that have been ordained to support them. They plunge into the work whole heartedly, adapt to the food and normal life of their host communities, endure hardness, learn the local language/dialect and do not carry any airs as people from a superior culture. Consequently, they are able to integrate and be effective witnesses for

Yeshua, Jesus. The gospel they present is often accepted because their persons, lifestyle and attitudes make a positive mark on those to whom they are sent.

Assignment

- (1). What new Spiritual Gifts did you learn about today?
- (2). Which of these spiritual gifts at work in your life?

Chapter Twelve

The Other Gifts Part 2

Let us be reminded all saints have spiritual gifts with which to function as part of the organic multi-part Body of Yeshua!

Ephesians 4:7-8 (KJV) 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

To be alive is to discover, embrace and use the spiritual gifts as primary means of serving other saints.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV) 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Here are other spiritual gifts the Lord gives to specific saints, so they can play their part in the overall health of the Body. Some are explicitly stated while others are implied and can be discerned when scripture comes alive by quickened Holy Spirit for our understanding.

#.23. Intercession. This is the special ability to stand in the gap between Elohim and someone else, family,

community, city, state, county/province, nation or people group – saved or not. Though not formally listed in the Bible, this gift and calling is implied yet intensely practical in everyday life. It has been proved in many countries that very few people have this special ministry to pray effectually for other people for a sustained/prolonged period without agendas and at times unknown by those they intercede for.

In Luke 2:36-37, Prophet Anna enjoyed only 7 years of marriage before she was widowed. She devoted the rest of her life to intercede for the visitation of Elohim and by the time she was 84, the manifestation of the prayers was the incarnation and birth of Yeshua, Jesus. Intercession is generally misunderstood. The core definition however is this: Intercession is partnering with Elohim for the manifestation of His will on earth. Intercessors are thus spiritual midwives primarily whose core purpose is to see to the coming of the Kingdom of Elohim and the emergence of His supreme will in all situations. Therefore, their hearts are often agenda free!

Matthew 6:10 (KJV) 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Those gifted as intercessors need to be dead to self.

It takes selflessness to truly stand in the gap for a fellow human being or the purpose of the Most High. For over 15 years a group of such intercessors based in Owerri, Imo State in the Eastern part of the nation of Nigeria have been wholly consecrated to the Lord to intercede for Apostle George, Pastor Grace, their children and the various teams of saints working with them

worldwide. They are not paid for their labours. In London England, other saints have walked in the grace to intercede for emergence of the Omega Church in this generation since 2008. On Day Break with the King and 24/7 Global Prayer Center, using Conference call and Facebook as platforms, countless saints back up this commission with all their hearts! Our prayer is that most of those who have signed up will be gifted for the assignment by Holy Spirit.

#.24. The Gift of Dreaming Dreams. Dreams, are one of the ways Elohim communicates with His people. In every generation Holy Spirit lays hold of some people and reveals present or future events to them while they sleep. In the Old Testament, there were a few notable dreamers. Joseph was exceptional in the sense that he had two associated gifts: Dreaming dreams and interpreting them. With Dreams, he was set on the course of destiny. With the gift of interpretation, he stepped into it as Prime Minister of Egypt (Genesis chapters 37, 40, 41).

In Joel 2:28, 29 where the outpouring whose first part was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost was prophesied accurately, dreaming of dreams was indicated as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 (KJV) 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Speaking by the Spirit, Apostle Peter confirmed this in his very first public sermon at Jerusalem Acts 2:14 -21. It is obvious the gift of dreaming will be poured out again in the Omega Church.

Beware: Not all Dreams are messages from Elohim

There are two other sources of dreams. It is naïve to accept all dreams as from Elohim and speak of them as such.

Satanic Dreams: Some dreams are projections from Satan and his agents designed to either confuse or intimidate the saints. Worse still, some dreams are projections from the enemy which, when naively accepted and confessed by the saints, confer to Satan the legal authority to execute them.

Soulish Dreams: Some other dreams emanate from the subconscious realm of the human soul. They are functions of the worst fears of the saint or his/her deepest desires that have taken root in the subconscious realm and come up to the fore when one is asleep. Dreaming of a person as spouse may not necessarily be from Elohim but could signify lust that penetrated the subconscious mind. Dreaming of an accident may not necessarily be a warning from Elohim. It could be the worst fears that have taken root in the subconscious mind and come up occasionally to haunt one.

Faith and Fear are two magnetic forces of equal strength. What you have strong faith for inevitably gets drawn to you. On the other hand, what you fear most also gets drawn to you except the grace and election

of Elohim intervenes! His fears became a magnet to draw tragedy unto himself!

Job 3:25 (KJV) 25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Mark 11:22-24 (KJV) 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Please do not be quick to voice your dreams as if they were gospel truth! Do not boast either that your dreams always come to pass. Do not use your own lips to condemn yourself to premature death or failure. Dreams which constantly convey a message contrary to the purpose of Elohim for you should be rejected and silenced through the Blood of the Lamb and exercise of spiritual discipline on your path. When you experience such, go before Him in humility and sincerity, confessing and repenting of any sin or deficiency the Holy Spirit may convict you of.

Then arise in faith; resist the devil and reject every carrot he presents. He will flee from you! (James 4:7, 8; 1 Peter 5:7-10). As 1 John 4:1-3 exhorts, we need to try the spirit to discern whether it's from Elohim or not. Dreams from Satan will suggest failure, sickness, and

evil. When they speak of “good” things, it is to draw the saints down the path of evil or to displease Elohim. On the contrary, dreams from Elohim will guide us into destiny fulfilment!

#.25: Interpretation of Dreams. Yeshua has no delight in confusing His saints. That is why He gave to some saints, the special ability to interpret dreams. As the name suggests, this is the ability to put into clearly understood language or explain in detail, the mind of Elohim expressed in dreams. Like the gift of interpretation of tongues, this gift is given to bring clarity. When dreams are correctly interpreted, the meaning is immediately clear and there is great edification.

If it is a warning, the people who have the privilege of knowing the mind of Elohim can repent and turn to Him. If it is an impending judgement whose time is matured, the interpretation will enable the righteous to flee the wrath to come. Joseph had great capacity for interpreting dreams. It was in exercise of this gift he fulfilled his destiny which was first expressed in the dream of his parents and siblings bowing before him. Daniel was also a man who had the unique gift of interpreting dreams. That became a key factor in his elevation to the Presidency of Babylon and Medo-Persia (Daniel 2 and 4).

#.26: Visions/Trance. A vision is a vivid portrayal of a present or future event. Elohim used visions during history to communicate with His people and the world. Ezekiel saw several visions. The most well-known till date is that of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37:1-14. Visions are communicated in the Spirit. The Holy

Spirit in effect shows vivid images to the spirit of the vessel chosen. The Lord may make it clear or may allow messages to be blurred until the appointed time of manifestation. In Acts 10:1- 48, we see the way Elohim used visions to minister to Cornelius and Peter alike for bringing to pass His counsel concerning the gentiles.

The word 'Trance' as used by Peter signifies that the vision came while he was partly awake and partly asleep. His faculties were awake, but the active part of his being was his spirit man (Acts 10:9-20). The Book of Revelation is essentially a vision Yeshua communicated to His Church through John the beloved. Revelations 1:1-20.

Like other revelatory gifts, visions/trance, dreaming of dreams and interpretation depend substantially on the state of heart and mind of the vessel. *Unto the pure, all things are pure. But unto the defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure but their mind and consciences are defiled* (Titus 1:5, 16). If the heart and mind of a saint is pure, the Lord will find it a suitable channel for communicating His truths. A defiled heart and mind will also attract satanic or soulish messages. Where Elohim decides to use His saint to convey a negative message, He will do it with such clarity that those whose lives are not right will have the opportunity to make things right with Him.

#27. Martyrdom - this is the grace to be so totally sold out to the Lord to only live for His purpose and Kingdom to the extent that a saint will gladly embrace suffering and death rather than compromise. A careful examination of the lives of Stephen, Paul and Peter

and their attitudes in the face of death shows that they operated above the pay grade of humanity. It is not difficult to see that they embraced death as a gift of grace!

Stephen, even when he was being stoned publicly:

Acts 7:55-59 (KJV) 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, 58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Paul, while waiting for death by beheading had this attitude:

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Peter was expectant of his death by Crucifixion:

2 Peter 1:13-15 (KJV) 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

#.28; 29; 30; 31 & 32. These are the Fivefold office gifts/leadership functions: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers otherwise called the ascension office gifts. They are fully discussed in another course by that title. These are the gifts which Holy Spirit uses to enable saints to discover and walk in their gifts so the Church operates as a living, loving organism, not a dry religious organization.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which

every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The 32 gifts listed in this book may not be exhaustive. Please feel free to wait on the Lord and engage in deep study of the Word for Holy Spirit to reveal any additional spiritual gifts.

Assignment

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- (2). Which of these spiritual gifts at work in your life?

Chapter Thirteen

Spiritual Gifts and Pursuit of Destiny

Pursuit of Destiny requires discovery of our spiritual gifts and different attitude to life

One of the pervasive influences of Western Culture on modern saints is the negation of core principles of Scripture and culture of the Kingdom. Western life is based on the model that anyone with enough education and ambition can succeed in whatever they desire. Consequently, many saints have joined the rush to various cities in search of the elusive 'golden fleece' without true recourse to the will of Elohim.

In the same vein, many saints are venturing into various facets of ministry and businesses based on their self-will and ambition. As we have learnt variously from scripture, not all things we claim to 'do for God' are acceptable to Him. As these scriptures affirm, a day is coming when the motive and substances with which we built in ministry – whether in the pulpit or market place – will be tried by the fire of Elohim.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made

manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

6 Preliminary Requirements for Destiny Fulfilment

As saints, each of us is called to be passionate in pursuit of destiny. That requires a change in our priorities, attitudes and lifestyle. It is certainly wrong for a saint to carry on in life, ministry or the Market Place without resolving these vital issues:

Knowing our Spiritual gifts and other virtues that make up their spiritual DNA. We ought to diligently discover, embrace and run with them.

i. Hearing and knowing His Voice. John 10:27 shows that to hear His voice is to live. Inability to hear the voice of the Great Shepherd and King, Yeshua Jesus and taking major or even minor decisions of life outside the Father's will. This should never be allowed to go on.

ii. Walking in His Will. Understanding of whether it is the perfect will of Elohim to proceed into specific

businesses and ministries will enable us to get on with destiny.

iii. We need to have a clear vision of who He has called us to be and what He wants us to do. With no clear Vision of what Elohim created, redeemed and preserved their lives to be and to do. This often leads to confusion, unnecessary pain and destruction.

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) 18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

iv. Knowing the specific location in which He wants to use us optimally. Not understanding specific locations, including local congregations, ministries, cities - where Yahweh planted a saint specifically to prosper may affect holistic success.

v. Destiny Helpers. Knowing, connecting with and embracing Vessels assigned to you as Destiny Helpers makes the journey of life smother. Isolated people tend to faint easily, just like Elijah.

If any of these things describe your state, please pause from many activities in this season and wait on the Lord to show you the way He ordained!

We are created to be intentionally focused on hearing from our Father, documenting same and release the appropriate level of faith to see His visions for our lives come to pass.

Habakkuk 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the Lord

answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Saints are not like other human beings! Each saint is a product of an intelligent design in creation and redemption! Elohim created all saints, redeemed by the precious Blood of Yeshua to fulfil specific assignments on earth which represent their callings (Jeremiah 1:5; Jeremiah 29:11).

Paul was very successful because he had a very clear understanding of the Divine purpose and he recounted same with passion throughout life – both before brethren as well as rulers.

Acts 9:15-16 (KJV) 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 22:6-15 (KJV) 6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said

unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. 11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. 12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, 13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. 14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Unbelievers live in rebellion by allowing their flesh and ambitions to drive their lives according to what the Prince of the Power of the air dictates. Most often they achieve their ambitions, driven by unleashing the potent latent powers of the soul. The Prince of this world uses their ambitions to drive them deeper into love of the world to trap them further into his kingdom.

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is

not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 John 5:19 (KJV) 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

These scriptures show why saints cannot pursue same goals with same tools of the flesh as those who rejected Yeshua, Jesus. Those who are delivered from the hand of Satan come under the sovereignty of Elohim.

As they are translated into His family, they receive the power to become His sons as John 1;12 says. With that power comes the connection to Yeshua, Jesus who is Head of The Body. His Body, the Church is not a religious organization but a living spiritual organism comprising various body parts and cells which are empowered by Holy Spirit to fulfil the exact purpose for which they were made part of.

It is therefore imperative that saints die to self so they can truly walk in the Spirit and be led by Him in all things! Let us see how two of the most neglected portions of scripture paint a vivid picture of the sharp contrast of lives of people led by the flesh from those led by the Holy Spirit:

Romans 8:5-14 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Galatians 5:16-17 (KJV) 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Holy Spirit does not strive with mortals when they insist in walking after the flesh which leads to His being grieved or even quenched!

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV) 19 Quench not the Spirit.

Through proper teaching and equipping, each saint is challenged to understand this paradigm and walk in it. We should grow to the point where we no longer go about life driven by fleshly ambitions to 'succeed'

according to Babylonian definitions or values but rather we are consumed with the vision of Elohim who graciously grafted us into the Body of Yeshua by Holy Spirit and translated us into His Kingdom. We yearn for true success which is to be vessels through who Holy Spirit will accomplish the Divine purpose in full! Our highest expression of true worship therefore goes further than singing songs to a lifestyle of knowing and doing His will and cooperating with Holy Spirit at work in us to be exactly who Elohim created and redeemed us to be. True worship ascends to the heavens when our lives give Him glory because everything we think, say and do bring Him glory, being in His perfect will!

Revelation 4:11 (KJV) 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

With this attitude comes a paradigm shift where one of the greatest endeavours of saints becomes to discover and exercise spiritual gifts which define their identity and empower their witness. It was in this light that Yeshua, Jesus charged His saints to lay aside pursuit of material things and fleshly satisfaction to seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness.

Matthew 6:19-34 (KJV) 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the

body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no

thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take
thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the
day is the evil thereof.

Assignment

- (1). Please mention and briefly explain the 6 Preliminary requirements of success in life and ministry every saint needs to discover.
- (2). What new thing did you learn from this chapter.

Chapter Fourteen

20 Ways to discover Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Gifts can be discovered in several ways. These include:

1. Self-evident manifestation. Here, the gifts are clearly manifested to the degree that is unquestionable. A saint with the gift of prophecy will manifest utterances which bring edification, encouragement and comfort. One with the word of wisdom will be used of the Lord to bring forth solutions to tough problems. One with the gift of helps will take his/her place graciously beside and with a visionary, leader or other saints, helping them to succeed into destiny. A true Pastor will be gifted with the ability to care for the flock of Yeshua, Jesus and have compassion to drive his/her ministry.

Every single ministry or function in the Kingdom should be grounded on a dominant spiritual gift! It is important to know that the self-evident gift needs to be confirmed by The Body which receives the Grace of Yeshua, Jesus at work in you! This curtails the dangerous 'name it and claim it' tendency. If you claim to have the gift of healing yet no saint is healed by your laying on of hands you are engaged in a fantasy ride. If you claim to be a Prophet yet no word you release ever comes to pass, there may be a need to re-evaluate yourself. The Word is very clear that all saints have been graciously endowed with spiritual gifts! The question therefore is: have you known the gifts you were given?

Ephesians 4:7-8 (KJV) 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

If you have any gift, your life is enhanced by releasing your vessel to Holy Spirit to bring them forth into self-evident manifestation!

1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV) 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

To hoard your spiritual gifts is to cheat yourself, deny other saints their portion of what Yeshua procured for them and negate your capacity to occupy, until He comes!

Luke 19:11-13 (KJV) 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

2. Knowledge. Spiritual gifts can also be understood and utilized when there is knowledge. 1 Corinthians chapter 12 and Romans chapter 12 were written to provide knowledge to ignorant saints. Spiritual gifts often flourish where there is enough light cast on the subject matter. The truth sets free when it is known (John 8:32, 36).

Gifts can therefore be dormant where there is ignorance. Apollos and the saints at Ephesus did not know of Holy Spirit and evidently spiritual gifts until Priscilla and Aquila and later Paul taught them and led them into the blessed experience (Acts 18:24-28; Acts 19:1-7).

3. Prayer. Earnest prayer will lead the saint to receive from Elohim, revelation and manifestation of spiritual gifts given (Matthew 7:7-9). It is so sad that saints can bombard heaven with prayers and fasting concerning getting material blessings, yet few ever pray with such intensity when it comes to spiritual things. The rule in Matthew 6:19-34 can never be negated: make the Kingdom and its righteousness your priority in prayer and Elohim will answer you by showing you the gifts and callings for which you were redeemed which are already in you.

4. Opportunities. Spiritual gifts manifest when the saint is faced with situations or opportunities where natural abilities fail to deliver. Opportunities have a way of drawing out to the fore what was hidden previously. Philip was content to be a deacon in the Church at Jerusalem. When persecution drove him to Samaria, the opportunities presented by a dark, unreached environment drew out the Evangelist in him! The

spiritual gift was already in him when he was in Jerusalem.

However, the presence of the highly rated 12 Apostles limited opportunity for fivefold ministry and he was found fit to serve tables. At Samaria, the opportunities for manifestation were limitless! In any case, the thirsty people in Samaria basically 'pulled' on the gift that was within and heaven responded. The transitioning or shift occurred, and Phillip thereafter flowed freely in the office gift of Evangelist. By leading the Ethiopian Eunuch to Yeshua, Jesus, the two outermost dispensations of Acts 1:8 'Samaria' and 'uttermost parts of the world' were fulfilled by one who was initially serving tables with the gift of helps.

5. Impartation/Laying on of hands. Just as Holy Spirit is imparted by laying on of hands, so can spiritual gifts that are dormant can be activated when senior ministers who are well endowed with grace and capacity lay hands to pray on vessels they are assigned to. Paul told Timothy not to neglect the spiritual gifts he received when hands were laid on him.

1 Timothy 4:14 (KJV) 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

In most Ordination and Commissioning services, there is activation of gifts so the saints are released to function effectively. It is Elohim Who imparts the gifts by the Holy Spirit. But activation happens through the laying on of hands.

6. Stirring Up. Gifts may remain dormant or under-utilized if not stirred continuously. Stirring is best by

ministry activities. As we release ourselves when prompted by Holy Spirit to minister to others, the gifts are stirred up. As we stay in His Presence in prayer and exercise faith in His word, there is also a stirring of the gifts within.

2 Timothy 1:6 (KJV) 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7. Prophecy/Revelatory gifts. Spiritual gifts can be discerned through prophecy. If a prophetic utterance you receive is from the Lord and is true, there will be a resonance in your spirit and a stirring up of what was dormant. Spiritual gifts can be “seen” through the revelatory gifts of discernment, word of Knowledge, Dreams, Vision.

1 Timothy 4:14 (KJV) 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

8. Sovereign Pattern of Elohim. He is at liberty to reveal the gift He has blessed you with according to the way He communicates to you. As our personalities and attitudes vary, so will our heavenly Father speak to us in various ways. The key is that His sheep shall hear His voice! (John 10:27) As an individual, cultivate a close relationship with your Father so you can hear Him clearly.

9. Intentional Spiritual Gift Audit. It is important to engage in spiritual gift audit from time to time to determine what Yeshua has blessed you with. Take these scriptures and wait on the Lord to show you who you truly are in the Kingdom (Romans 12:1-8) (The

Basic or Root Gifts); 1 Corinthians 12 (The enabling Gifts); Ephesians 4:11 (The Fivefold Office gifts); Ephesians 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10,11 (The command for all to manifest their gifts). Read again the sections of this book dealing with the 32 spiritual gifts and ask the Father who He has made you to be in Christ. He will answer! Please also utilize all the tools outlined in this Book to know the gifts at work in you. Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of the Global Governing Counsel of International Ministers Fellowship blessed us with a Spiritual Gifts Audit tool which many have found useful and confirmatory. Kindly use it as led by Holy Spirit to ascertain your gifts.

11 Additional ways

Spiritual gifts can also be known through these additional ways that were first documented in the ground-breaking book '*Discover and Fulfil your Ministry*'. They are adapted for the learning of those who are passionate about discovery and exercise of their spiritual gifts.

10. Audible Voice. Elohim can speak audibly to one whose heart is inclined to hear stating clearly the gift that is within.

11. Revelation in and from the Holy Scriptures. In studying the Holy Scriptures with an attitude of openness and meditation, certain passages may come alive. Such illuminations by Holy Spirit can reveal gifts that one was not aware of.

12. Baptism in Holy Spirit. Once a saint is baptized in Holy Spirit, it is important to know that certain spiritual gifts were automatically imparted. This is also true of

how the Basic or Root gifts are imparted at the New Birth experience when saints are sealed by Holy Spirit into the Body.

13. Manifestation of any gift of Holy Spirit. Any time a spiritual gift manifest should be celebrated just as when miners discover gold.

14. Burden/Impression lain on the heart. If there is a persistent burden concerning a particular gift or gifts, it is evidence there is treasure within. Mining further may lead to the gift(s).

15. Providential Circumstances. This is where Holy Spirit orchestrates and orders the steps of a saint up till when and where the gifts are utilized to bless others (Psalms 37:23).

16. Truth that is caught while undergoing a Course of Study on Spiritual Gifts such as this.

17. Angelic Visitation. Elohim still uses Angels as Messengers to share His secrets – including gifts and callings – with the elect (Hebrews 1:7, 14).

18. Passion/Love for any activity in the Body followed by real Peace. Love is a powerful indicator of the will of Elohim.

19. Critical Insight or Perspective that provides solution. It is wrong to turn such perspectives into negative behavior such as complaining, murmuring and evil speaking. When one sees any negative thing, it may well be that Elohim has wired the individual with the capacity to provide solutions.

20. Through specific guidance of an authority figure or destiny helper. The Lord brings authorities to guide saints into perfection. They see what the mentee may be blind to. They also guide mentees to what needs to be done for the gifts to manifest in greater detail.

Question and Answers

A. Question: What do spiritual gifts say of the ministry the Lord call us to. In other words, what is the co-relation between spiritual gifts and ministry?

Answer: The Lord ordained that spiritual gifts are the prime avenues for demonstrating the power of the Kingdom! The Kingdom is not to be presented in mere words of man's wisdom but in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power.

Therefore, spiritual gifts are called manifestations of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11). Of all that it takes to engage in ministry therefore, Spiritual Gifts received and manifested are the clearest indicators of divine calling and approval.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (KJV) 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

B. Question: What are the dangers of operating outside our spiritual gifts?

Answer: Whenever a saint operates outside his/her spiritual gifts, any of these outcomes can be expected:

1. One is engaged in dead works! Dead religious works refer to all activities that are not rooted in or derive validity from what Elohim designed to accomplish in the earth realm through the saint. This is the very basis of orthodoxy and Babylonian themed 'Christianity'. All saints who accept titles but are not called by Elohim are endangering their souls in eternity and inviting trouble on earth.

2. The saint operating outside spiritual gifts is open to slide into the flesh. "Flesh" refers to activities that are not inspired by or empowered by the Holy Spirit. They rather emanate from the realm of the human soul which is the seat of reasoning (the mind); exercise of the will and the emotion. The soul strives against both the Holy Spirit and human spirit! (Galatians 5:16-21).

3. The saint is open to manipulation by the devil because one has exceeded the limits of the divinely ordained platform of service. Saints can be smitten by the enemy for so doing because they have strayed outside the perimeter of service approved by heaven.

Assignment

(1). Please share any 10 of the 21 ways of knowing your spiritual gifts that were most helpful to you

(2). Please share your understanding of this chapter identifying some core concepts which specifically blessed you!

Chapter Fifteen

Governing Spiritual Principles (1)

The Spiritual Principles governing the operation of Spiritual Gifts for fulfilling Divine Purpose

One sad fact in the Body of Yeshua, Jesus is that manifestation of spiritual gifts causes many saints to detach from local assemblies where they are planted to go and 'form their own' churches and ministries. As Yeshua said in Matthew 13, '*an Enemy has done this!*' This is Satan at work trying to make spiritual gifts something to be feared and rejected.

In this and some subsequent chapters, we receive some further insights into the way spiritual gifts are ordained to make the Church a living, loving organism rather than a dry religious organization.

#.1. The basic principle guiding operation of all the spiritual gifts is consistent: They are 'Gifts', not 'Works'. As gifts, they are to be received in humility and exercised graciously, in love. Please feel free to discover and utilize yours with great diligence. They shall be accounted for on the Last day as Matthew 25:14-28; Luke 19:11-27 clearly reveal.

#.2. Unity/Interdependence. Spiritual gifts reveal the spiritual nature of the Church as the very Body of Yeshua, Jesus with Him as the functional Head. The Body is one in which He has deliberately distributed the gifts in such a way no saint or congregation has all of Him. The idea is to establish our oneness and unity in diversity. The whole of 1 Corinthians chapter 12 is such

a beautiful expression of the mind of Yahweh on the subject matter. Since no one has all the gifts, we are faced with a situation where we ought to recognize our strengths, accept our limitations; appreciate and humbly receive the gifts/strengths of other brethren.

It is in this way that by a divine formula, the strength or special ability of each vessel makes up for the lack of others and vice versa as we are held together by the bond of love. Through this process, the whole Body makes increase of itself in love as said in Ephesians 4:16

This scenario makes 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 very clear. We can only do what is given to us. Someone has to break the ground, another person plants while another waters so Elohim alone can give the increase and get all the glory.

One Body, Many Parts: Digging Deeper into the essence of the Body: 1 Corinthians 12.

The operation of Spiritual gifts is illustrated with the human body - which though one - yet comprises various functional parts. The Kingdom of Elohim on earth is not to be communicated in mere words. It is to be manifested in functional power.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (KJV) 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

That functional power is the demonstration of Holy Spirit in and through the saints.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 make it clear that the present dispensation of the Kingdom is structured to be an organic reality with every part functioning to impact

others and make the whole come alive. Let us do a verse by verse study of some passages in 1 Corinthians 12 in order to gain more understanding of the operation of spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (KJV) 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many.

Commentary: Until saints understand this principle, they will be playing church though filled with Holy Spirit. To accept the reality that by ONE SPIRIT, we are baptized into ONE BODY is a humbling truth which is a game changer any day it is caught, taught and lived out!

This realization should challenge saints to relinquish our selfish-centred proclivities. It will open us to realise that no matter how gifted, we are but functional parts of an organic whole. If families, Kingdom communities (the real description of local assemblies) and indeed networks will catch and run with this vision, all negative impulses and actions such as jealousy, envy, evil speaking, back biting, caucuses/parties based on race, ethnicity, gender, age; rebellion against authorities; authorities putting down those whose ways displease them; neglecting of other gifts will be swept into the dust bin of religion so Holy Spirit will use each saint to complete the others!

1 Corinthians 12:15-21 (KJV) 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Commentary: It is critical to walk in the understanding that Elohim sets saints into the organic Body of Yeshua as it pleased Him! All of us are who we are by Election, decided before foundation of the world! It is naivety of immaturity of the highest order for a saint to see him or herself as so complete that there is not a deep heartfelt realization of how much we need others. In any case, our self-focused tendencies are just that: Illusory! No matter how any saint thinks he or she is complete, the reality from a heavenly perspective is that such thoughts are vain!

1 Corinthians 12:22-24 (KJV) 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have

more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

Commentary: Because we are one, the word enjoins us to pay more attention to those parts of the Body which from the human perspective seem disadvantaged. What this means is those brethren who seem outwardly to be less gifted should receive more attention and support from both leadership and other saints. Ultimately, no part of the Body should be rated as weaker or less important.

In the economy of the Kingdom, the more a part of the Body seems weak and obscure, the more it has the potential of holding the ace for keeping the whole body functioning optimally. If only we will take time to invest in the spiritual development of such brethren, they may be equipped to come out of their shells and low self-esteem to release that which may be buried deep within their spirit-man!

1 Corinthians 12:25-27 (KJV) 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Commentary: The Body is one and there should be no room for divisions. Whatever we think, say and do must flow in the direction of organic unity if truly we are

operating by the pure Holy Spirit, without soulish interference! We should be so connected spiritually, emotionally and physically that whatever ails a brother or sister should ail all others while what brings joy and honour to one should likewise affect others. This principle was also espoused in:

Romans 12:15 (KJV) 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV) 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after those miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Commentary: Here Paul lays the foundation of the awesome truth that was amplified in Ephesians 4:11-16. It is the reality that Elohim, in the exercise of His Sovereign will consciously set in the same Body of Yeshua, some specific gifts whose primary purpose is to equip other parts of the Body to function optimally. Not leaving anything to chance or human imagination, Holy Spirit then reveals that much as there is liberty for all gifts to operate as He moves or quickens them, there is also divine order that reflects the Kingdom! That divine order reveals that, concerning equipping saints for work of ministry, Apostles are placed in the first place followed by Prophets and Teachers. The other members of the fivefold – Evangelists and Pastors are not specifically mentioned here.

3 possible perspectives for omission of Evangelists and Pastors in 1 Corinthians 12:28-29

There are three ways of looking at this omission of their functional offices.

i. The first is Paul was not exhaustive in any scripture and to get the full picture, we need to proceed to Ephesians 4:11.

Ephesians 4:11 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

ii. The second explanation of the omission is that though their office gifts were not mentioned, Paul cited their functional gifts. For the Evangelist, the functionality of working of miracles and gifts of healings are mentioned. For the office of Pastor, the core gifts which enable them to fulfil the Pastoral office are listed as Helps (which enables them to come alongside saints to nurture them into destiny) and Governments (which enables them to lead saints in love and with sincerity into their destinies in Yeshua).

iii. Another perspective of the omission was Paul was also bringing forward certain gifts saints may be tempted to neglect when discussing leadership of the Body. In that case, He was including these gifts as critical resources which are divinely given for the benefit of equipping and imparting all other members of the Body to excel: Working of Miracles; Healings; Helps; Governments; Diversities of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:29-31 (KJV) 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all

interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts:
and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Commentary: In rounding up this epic scripture, Paul is used by Holy Spirit to make the clear case that leaders and saints should accept who they are made to be and do what they are equipped to release to the Body. Those who are not called to the fivefold should not make themselves what they are not! In the same way, both within the fivefold and outside it, saints should be content with releasing the gifts sovereignly bestowed on them.

There is no basis for any leader or saint to feel unfulfilled because he or she is not given the highly charismatic gifts of working miracles or healings; communicating the mind of the Father in Tongues or interpretation of Tongues. There is just no basis for any saint or leader to feel inferior or deem his/her ministry as unfulfilled because a gift, which draws attention, is not in the gift mix.

In closing, let us review a part of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians which bring clarity to the subject matter also.

Ephesians 4:1-16 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One

God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

A Living Church is therefore a living, loving organism of functional Body parts, not a dry religious organization of ritual performing 'worshippers' who are far from Deity! All saints - who collectively constitute

the Church - are wired with spiritual gifts as the key instrument of fulfilling their priesthood after the Royal Order of Melchizedek!

Assignments

(1). Please share any aspect of this chapter you found very enlightening

(2). On a scale of 1-10 (least useful to very useful) how would you rate this chapter in terms of helping you to understand that spiritual gifts should be used as instruments of unity and harmony in the organic Body of Yeshua, Jesus, not disunity and confusion?

Chapter Sixteen

Governing Spiritual Principles (2)

Principles for utilization of spiritual gifts for optimum effect in the Church - Part 2

As we begin to go down the wire on the issue of Spiritual Gifts, it may be necessary to revisit some of the things shared in different parts of chapters 1-8. Our understanding is enhanced when we hear somethings again and when some related information is put together into a single section.

Philippians 3:1 (KJV) 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

There are some clear spiritual principles that dictate how spiritual gifts are to be utilized and why it should be so:

#.1. The first principle is that of death to self and total consecration to Elohim.

Romans 12:1 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Those who obey Him and lay their selves and ambitions at the altar of sacrifice make themselves reliable vessels Holy Spirit can use to express Himself and bless other saints and impact the animate and inanimate world within their spheres of influence.

#.2. It takes renewal of the mind to understand and appreciate the things of the Spirit, including Spiritual Gifts.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The spirit of religion and religiosity on the one hand and the spirit of modernity which the pseudo-kingdom movement offers has a way of blinding people from receiving the things of the Spirit of Elohim.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5, 11-14 (KJV) 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

#.3. Spiritual gifts are exercised better in sobriety when all saints accept and stay in the lane Elohim placed them, doing what He ordained, not what they fancy.

Saints lose nothing but rather gain all when they accept their limitations and joyfully receive ministry from other saints Holy Spirit has ordained and endowed with gifts different from ours.

Romans 12:3 (KJV) 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

#.4. To know and utilize the spiritual gifts, the saints must know and understand the word of Elohim.

The Word is Constitution of the Kingdom and should be well taught, so all saints can walk in its Light. It is by abiding of the Word saints are secure and productive, able to pray rightly and receive answers from their heavenly Father.

John 15:1-7 (KJV) 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Ignorance of the Word will cause saints to walk in darkness, confusion and disorder. In this environment, satanic invasion of the ministry can occur. The atmosphere is also ripe for those who have backslidden to hide under their gifts and use same to manipulate, control and fleece the flock.

James 3:16 (KJV) 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

The Four unacceptable relationship modes: Stranger; Unwilling slave; Orphan and Babe are nurtured in spiritual environments where saints do not know or understand the Word. What follows is that Church becomes theatre where Christians gather to watch live performances of preachers who give them enough 'religious fixes' to keep them hooked but which are unable to empower them to manifest King Yeshua, Jesus as ambassadors of His Kingdom!

Hosea 4:6 (KJV) 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

#.5. A vibrant relationship with Holy Spirit, regular Communion, a heart yielded to Him and creating an enabling environment for Him to play His appointed role as Elohim with us in the Now is vital for spiritual gifts to be received and utilized. In the present dimension of The Kingdom. Holy Spirit is the instrument for engrafting us into the Body of Yeshua, imparting spiritual gifts and empowering our witness (1 Corinthians 12:1-13).

#.6. Spiritual gifts must be used in a way which honours Yeshua as Head of the Church.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (KJV) 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost

Spiritual gifts declare the Church to be indeed supernatural and His Body. The Body must honour its head! Any activity or attitude which does not honour Yeshua will negate the value and import of spiritual gifts. Any so-called miracle working ability or indeed any supposed Charismatic manifestation which draws people away from Yeshua and point them to the human vessel to say and do his/her bidding is inherently standing on a faulty foundation.

Danger of Self Projection

Self-Projection can be Charismatic witchcraft by other means, especially when human images are aggressively projected into the psyche of other saints! That is why it is wrong to constantly employ strong language and visuals which hype up or promote human vessels when advertising supposed Kingdom events and meetings and reduce Yeshua, Jesus to small prints or none. In that case the people are being drawn to the human vessels and often can remain addicted to their persons and voices, unable to receive from other vessels.

When promotional strategies of Babylon are deployed human Idols can be created, competing for attention with King Yeshua, Jesus Yeshua. When this is so,

humans attract followers who idolize them as dispensers of 'anointing'. This is the basis of modern denominations which divide the Body! This does not mean we should not advertise meetings and events. It is just that determined effort should be made to promote Yeshua, The King of Kings for people to be drawn to Him and believe on His Name rather than the minister or ministry.

John 12:32 (KJV) 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Secondly, promotion of Kingdom projects and events should focus on what they are about more than the personalities Holy Spirit will use.

In the same way, any doctrine or teaching which depreciates the centrality of Yeshua, Jesus in the Kingdom is inherently standing on a faulty foundation. Therefore, the leaven of the pseudo-kingdom movement needs to be understood as dangerous to the extreme! Without any equivocation, Yeshua is the Centre and Circumference of the Kingdom to His saints!

#.7. Spiritual Gifts are to be used within the context of unity of the Body and interdependence of saints.

Spiritual gifts are given for the profit of all, not the self-exaltation of a vessel whom Holy Spirit chooses to use in a peculiar way. Congregational meetings of living saints are supposed to reflect unity in diversity as various gifts are expressed by different vessels.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1 Corinthians 12:11-12 (KJV) 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

The Church is not a dry religious organization but a spiritual organism comprising various functional parts each of which needs the other. Every meeting of saints or interaction in the realm of the spirit or physically must be based on the principle of releasing and receiving grace and enablement from each other. When we do so, the Body makes increase of itself in love and therefore healthy and powerful, able to fulfil the redemptive purpose of The Kingdom Church in our environments.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

When this principle is not practiced, saints will gather unto human vessels who, by enjoying the limelight, soon forget they are merely called to serve. Before long, hero worship, the deadly virus borrowed from Hollywood emerges and creates party spirit where saints line up behind their preferred 'great men and women of God'.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, 21-23 (KJV) 1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

#.8. Spiritual gifts are at their functional best when there is proper safeguard for the vulnerable and 'weak' in the Body. Leaders must invest in training saints on their spiritual gifts and also ensure those whose gifts which seem to be more 'prominent' do not intimidate

and silence those with seemingly 'less prominent' yet necessary gifts.

#.9. According to 1 Corinthians 13, spiritual gifts must be exercised in love. Love must be enthroned as the prime motive of and basis of all we do. If the gifts are not exercised in love, a door is open to self and Satan with no reward on the Last Day.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-10 (KJV) 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Assignment

(1). Please briefly discuss any 5 of these 9 principles you understood well.

(2). How helpful has this chapter been to you?

Chapter Seventeen

Governing Spiritual Principles (3)

Principles for utilization of spiritual gifts for optimum effect in the Church - Part 3

Let us continue to examine the principles for utilization of spiritual gifts for optimum effect in the Church. Where the Holy Spirit is, there is liberty. In the same way, where Holy Spirit is, there is Order.

#.10. 1 Corinthians chapter 14:1-33 was written to guide the Church to ensure spiritual gifts are exercised in order. Order enables us to enjoy our liberty in the spirit. Order requires sensitivity to other people and their gifts. Order requires the saints to be under authority because operating as loose cannon destroys fellowship.

Order requires that no gift be used in a way which is self-projecting. If many Pentecostal ministries ever gave attention to this critical chapter of the Bible, most of the nuisance both unbelievers and young believers complain about would not be valid.

10.1. Use of Tongues and Prophecy in Congregational setting. This chapter sets in order how the gift of tongues should be used and how Prophecy is far superior since there is clearer revelation of the mind of Elohim with the latter.

1 Corinthians 14:1-33 (KJV). 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by

revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? 7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. 11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. 21 In the law it is written,

With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Commentary on 1 Corinthians 14. Let us break down 1 Corinthians Chapter 14: 1-33 into 3 distinct parts:

A. Prophecy is far superior to speaking in tongues where there is no interpreter.

1. Saints should earnestly covet the release of Spirit of Prophecy in congregational meetings. The reason is that when Prophetic utterances come forth, there is an injection of the mind of Yahweh into gatherings of saints. This brings Edification, Exhortation and Comfort – three sorely needed ingredients!

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (KJV) 1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesyeth edifieth the church. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: 19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

2. More sinners would be impacted and drawn to Yeshua if local congregations come alive with release of the prophetic on a regular basis. They will hear of themselves in ways that bring conviction and change.

1 Corinthians 14:24-25 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

3. Even in exercising of the gift of prophecy, those gifted should be dead to self, desiring no vain glory. When this is so, they can exercise Spirit-led order and preference for one another, driven by need to please Elohim and be a blessing of the Congregation.

1 Corinthians 14:29-32 (KJV) 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

The Kingdom Principle is described here:

When a saint is in the process of releasing prophetic words, most likely, there is a download that may already have taken place from Holy Spirit into his/her spirit-man. If that brother or sister notices/receives revelation that another vessel is about to receive a word for the same audience, the one who was speaking should keep quiet so the other vessel can release. The predominant consideration is that the first one has already 'downloaded' the mind of Elohim, has control over his/her emotions and actions and out of charity exercises self-restraint so the other person can receive and release. Without this arrangement, the second vessel may be unable to download what the Lord is saying.

B. There are 5 Core Principles for exercising the gift of speaking in tongues within congregations/fellowship Yahweh gave clear direction to the Church in 1 Corinthians chapter 14 especially verses 1-28 concerning how this potentially divisive gift should be exercised to avoid abuse and bring edification. The principles are as follows:

i. Communicating messages from Elohim should not be turned into fleshly activity full of competition, strife and seeking for attention.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV) 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

ii. Prophecy, which communicates the mind of Elohim with clarity is of far higher value to the congregation of the redeemed than utterance in tongues. Our Father is

not the author of confusion and will not seek to keep His saints guessing what He is saying.

i. If one must speak in tongues in a public meeting, it can only be if Holy Spirit, who is to give the message, has already planted another person with the gift of interpreting tongues therein. The only exception is if the messenger also has the gift of interpretation! Without a person gifted to interpret, such a message should not be uttered or received! Publicly making utterances in tongues is different from where the saint is praying or worshipping in tongues. It speaks of any assumed communication of the mind of Elohim to saints that are uttered in tongues from the pulpit.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (KJV) If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

iv. If two or more people claim to have received messages to be given in tongues, they will prove their qualification by taking turns to release the message with no striving or competitive spirit since the congregation needs to hear and know all that Holy Spirit is releasing.

In 1 Corinthians 12: 23, the Church is warned that ignoring these principles will show the saints in poor light before their unbelieving neighbours and the gospel programme will be reproached. This is true of typical Pentecostal and Charismatic meetings worldwide. In Africa, many churches tune up their loud

speakers and unbelievers passing by often wonder whether they are amongst deranged people!

1 Corinthians 14:22-23 (KJV) 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. 23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

The reason for these principles is to prevent situations where malefactors functioning with the spirit of divination or other demonic influences place curses on ignorant saints who sheepishly echo 'amen' in excitement thinking that tongues signify the presence and power of the Holy Spirit! Maturity or otherwise of a congregation is often indexed in their ability to exercise spiritual gifts in a sense of liberty and yet order.

Let us restate again that while everybody in fellowship is free to pray and praise in tongues while worshipping, it is wrong for the persons on the podium to try to project a higher spirituality by 'communicating' with others through tongues – as a sign of higher spirituality or greater power – when no one with the gift of interpretation is present. This bare face abuse of a vital spiritual gift speaks volumes of the contempt with which many people hold Yeshua, even in His supposed house!

C. The need for edification of all should trump all other considerations when the issue of exercise of spiritual

gifts is considered. Disunity, competition, strife and disorder chip away at edification and the net effect is confusion. In such instances, people cling to what they think and want leaving the Body lacerated. That is what verse 26 says: *"26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."*

Assignment

- (1). Please discuss 2 things you learnt from this chapter
- (2). Why does Elohim forbid saints from speaking in tongue publicly if there is no one with gift of Interpretation?
- (3). In 1 Corinthians 14:29-32 the proper pattern of Prophetic release is outlined. What does the Word say?

Chapter 18

The Way Forward to Reformation, Restoration & Revival

The Lord has a vested interest in the reformation of His Church; restoration of His Lordship and revival of all those who constitute His One organic Body in the earth realm. In this regard, the transition of all units of His Body to function as an organism is non-negotiable.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

When we get to this point, jealousies, envying, strife and competition will cease. We begin to see each other as building blocks that fit together into the habitation of Elohim by Holy Spirit. This is evidence of maturity.

1 Corinthians 3:1-11 (KJV) 1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos;

are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

#.1. In any assembly of saints, spiritual gifts will manifest best when divine order is recognized and accepted. The foundational office of Apostles and Prophets should be embraced.

Ephesians 2:18-22 (KJV) 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Full capacity building of the Church takes place when the rest of the Fivefold are also in place. This creates a very conducive atmosphere for saints to be challenged to be passionate in pursuit of understanding and embrace of their spiritual gifts and exercise of same. If the fivefold is restored, the Royal Priesthood of saints flowing in their gifts and callings will follow as a spiritual outcome of their collective ministry.

Ephesians 4:7-16 (KJV) 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint

supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

#.2. The Church is blessed by Holy Spirit whenever there is respect and honor for those who are elected and set in leadership by Yahweh such as visionaries or Pastors of congregations. Other leaders are selected by Him to complement the gift of the set man or woman.

Saints who use their gifts to disregard, dishonor and negate those Elohim elected for primacy in Kingdom order are in error. It is necessary to realize Elohim does not permit confusion in His house.

Romans 14:4 (KJV) 4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

David was a man who understood the need not to raise his hands against authority. Twice he had opportunity to kill Saul but refused to get into flesh.

#.3. Leaders should encourage and challenge Saints to ensure the spiritual Gifts in them are stirred up from time to time. This is best accomplished through prayer, constant usage and going forth in faith! It is by going forth to use spiritual gifts in service of Yeshua as obedient participants in the Great Commission that the Holy Spirit stirs them up and uses them to confirm we are indeed 'sent' people.

2 Timothy 1:6 (KJV) 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

#.4. To truly flow in the gifts of Holy Spirit, saints need to embrace Him as Sovereign and be open to all dimensions of His work as proclaimed in the word. It is very disingenuous to seek Power of Holy Spirit to do signs and wonders without desire with equal passion, the fruit of the same Holy Spirit which will produce the character to contain and handle the anointing. It is equally wrong to seek any of those two dimensions of Holy Spirit without giving Him space to inspire and lead us to walk in unity with other saints and congregations so the Organic Body of Yeshua manifests and demonstrates Him and His Kingdom.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of

the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

#.5. In the last Days, saints will come into the fuller knowledge that the Kingdom economy which guarantees holistic well-being of all saints is subverted when some saints are not activated in the gifts of Holy Spirit. Those who are self-effacing, gentle and quiet should not be disregarded and abused by those who have multiple or charismatic gifts!

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (KJV) 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one

member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

#.6. The inability to discern the Church as One Body of Yeshua is partly responsible for the disagreements, jealousies, envies, strife and divisions which impact negatively on saints who eat the Body and drink His Blood unworthily. Some of the things like sicknesses, closed heavens, poverty and inexplicable troubles like premature deaths which saints suffer in various parts of the world may happen because the Church in the Community, City, State, Nation and world has been engineered by Babylon not to come into functional alignment.

1 Corinthians 11:27-32 (KJV) 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

#.7. The intensity of what Holy Spirit will be releasing in the Word and by revelatory gifts concerning the organic nature of the Church as a living loving organism will cause a shift of mind-sets within leadership of the Body. There are many leaders who are in error not because they want to disobey Yeshua or subvert His redemptive purpose for the Body. They do what they do out of ignorance because that is all they know how to do. Some learnt Christian religion from Bible Colleges or Pastors they served under. Such people will be arrested by Holy Spirit through various ways to come into knowledge of truth. Humbling themselves, they will acknowledge errors of their past organizational styles which led them to build denominations centred on their persons and gifting. In their recovery, they will go all out to implement the revelations of the Body with great zeal and total commitment.

Matthew 13:52 (KJV) 52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

#8. In the Omega Church, saints shall discern those in leadership by the degree to which they embrace the whole counsel of Elohim which leads to empowerment of the whole Body rather than spiritual elevation of just those in authority to rule over ignorant consumers of their 'anointing'. When this begins to happen, those who refuse to empower the flock will be left to lead those who willingly desire to be deceived.

Jude 1:1-4 (KJV) 1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: 2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon

themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Assignment

(1). Please identify any 5 of the 8 points which specifically blessed you.

Chapter 19

Spiritual Gifts and Judgement Day

Modernist theology is united in one fact and truth: Removal of Judgement Day from the consciousness of saints. The result is saints become so fixated on satisfying their temporal needs that they do not give their best to passionate pursuit of the Kingdom and the divine purpose for which they were created, redeemed and called.

The truth is we were created for a higher purpose! Let us see how expressly the Word forbids Kingdom citizens from living like unbelievers around them:

Matthew 6:19-34 (KJV) 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God

and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

We have a choice to either focus on the Lord or to focus on our belly as Paul the apostle shared in this scripture:

Philippians 3:17-21 (KJV) 17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which

walk so as ye have us for an ensample.¹⁸ (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) ²⁰ For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The Grand Equalizer

Spiritual Gifts constitute the great equalizer of all those who are part of the Church of Yeshua. The Presence of Holy Spirit and the enthroned Yeshua is manifested through the spiritual gifts that manifest in the life of saints.

In the one universal Church of Yeshua, we are not to be known by our racial and ethnic backgrounds or gender, ages or socio-economic status. Rather, we are to be known by our spiritual identities.

2 Corinthians 5:16 (KJV) ¹⁶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Exposition of the Main Scriptures

Luke 19:11-15 (KJV) ¹¹ And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they

thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.¹² He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. ¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Reward for those who use their spiritual gifts to expand the Kingdom

¹⁶ Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. ¹⁹ And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. ²⁰ And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: ²¹ For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Judgement of those who do not use their spiritual gifts to serve Elohim and His Kingdom: He considers them as Wicked

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Matthew 25:14 (KJV) 14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Spiritual Gifts and other endowments are given by the Lord according to what He knows about our capacities and abilities.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

We are to do Kingdom Business with our Kingdom Business

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received

two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

There is a Day of Reckoning Ahead!

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

Commendation and Rewards for those who intentionally invest their spiritual gifts for Kingdom business.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Commendation and Rewards for those who invest their spiritual gifts for Kingdom business.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Judgment and Condemnation for wastage/non-utilization of spiritual gifts for Kingdom business.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Rewards are to be taken from those who do not use their gifts and rather added to those who are productive.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Ultimate Destination of unproductive people

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Take Note: There are two Judgement ahead:

We need to know that those who miss the mark of eternal life and die in Sin will go into perdition of eternal torment as stipulated in this scripture:

Revelation 20:11-15 (KJV) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose

face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Among those who end up here are those who were Church goers without relationship with the Lord. Among them will be those who though saved, gave Sin right of way to rule their beings:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (KJV) 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV) 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told

you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

There is also another Judgement! This is the Judgement Seat of Yeshua, Jesus which takes place right after the rapture. It is not the Judgment that ends in the Lake of Fire. It is rather the place at which the Lord will evaluate how well we utilized His Grace and how well we utilise the spiritual gifts He gave to us!

2 Corinthians 5:10-15 (KJV) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. 12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Assignments

(1). Please share 3 main things you learnt from this chapter

(2). What scripture cited in this chapter strikes you as a truly serious warning to saints of this generation?

Chapter Twenty

Epilogue (1)

Epilogue on Spiritual Gifts and the Kingdom Church

In this chapter, we will end this exhaustive course on Spiritual Gifts and the Kingdom Church by examining 8 issues which were cited in various chapters.

Philippians 3:1 (KJV) 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

1. Liberty and Order. These are powerful principles in the Kingdom when rightly understood and practiced! Saints need to enjoy Liberty to flow by Holy Spirit as He inspires and moves them. For that reason, we must make sure the spiritual gifts are not quenched but rather they all come forth for the edification and blessing of all and sundry.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (KJV) 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV) 19 Quench not the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Yet, saints are required to do all things decently and in order, so Satan and demons do not take advantage of

fleshly display of spiritual gifts to invade the ministry or congregation. We need to hear whatever our Father wants to tell us through both the gift of Prophecy and all revelatory gifts including the gift of communicating with Tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (KJV) 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Liberty and Order are balanced by Authority! Authority is from Elohim and saints are called to receive and submit as proof of genuine spirituality (Romans 13:1-8; Hebrews 13:7, 17).

2. We should know no man after the flesh: Debunking the Nimrodic and Levithical war against womanhood. When spiritual gifts are embraced as the sure foundation of true Kingdom ministry, our ages, races, ethnic groups, gender and socio-economic status do not matter as variously stressed in this Course of study. Paul says we should come to the point when we know no man after the flesh. With spiritual gifts, we know people according to what Elohim has made them to be; what He wants to use them for in His Kingdom and receive them as such.

2 Corinthians 5:16 (KJV) 16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

In so doing, no one will ask if a saint ministering is a man or woman. The reason is Holy Spirit is imparted into and received in the realm of the human spirit (the

Heart or Belly). It is also from this realm spiritual gifts flow out to touch others.

John 7:37-39 (KJV) 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Since the beginning of time, Satan has been in an unending war against womanhood. In this, he finds great allies in religion and religious leaders. In the Nimrodic priesthood, strength is might and ministry is for strong men who use women as sex objects and cash cows. In the Levitical order, the priesthood is an exclusive male clergy caste to minister to a dormant laity (of mainly passive women).

To distinguish themselves from the laity, the clergy needs special robes and is trained in how to handle certain rites in services. With this mind-set, they find it difficult to see women as fit for ministry. Such people, who would discriminate against women and have them out of ministry because of their gender essentially are held captive by this concept of Church as a religious organization people join; who go to 'church' on certain days of the week or year to obtain ablution for their sins and quieten their consciences. For them, one of the proof scriptures is this passage:

1 Corinthians 14:34-35 (KJV) 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

Scripture must be rightly divided to understand the mind of Elohim. The instructions for women to keep quiet in church were for dealing with peculiar situations which arose in first century congregations. In those days, women were like house hold chattel. Those who gave their lives to Yeshua were experiencing a degree of freedom and liberty that was unimaginable during their years in Judaism. Some women evidently misused that scope of liberty and literally interrupted preachers in public worship services to express their differing opinions or utter 'tongues' or 'prophecies' in ways that were totally out of order, disruptive and disrespectful to congregational leadership. They were commanded to keep quiet and submit to the knowledge of their husbands at home.

The overall thrust of the revelations granted to Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter 12; Romans Chapter 12 and Ephesians chapter 4:1-16 essentially amplify and explain what Peter said of the Royal Priesthood in 1 Peter 2:9-12. The Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek - which Yeshua Himself inaugurated and modelled - is about ministering by Holy Spirit from the realm of the spirit-man. The spirit-man of saints, where Holy Spirit resides and from where He manifests or 'shows up' the spiritual gifts is neither male nor female.

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV) 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

This subject matter is extensively explored in **GSoM Course 122: *Women in Ministry***. It is important that as we walk with the Father in and by Holy Spirit, we do not give room for the Flesh (Soul + Bodily realms) to overtake us. This is the bane of many Pentecostal ministries. That tendency did not start today as Paul the apostle experienced in Galatia .

Galatians 3:3 (KJV) 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

3. Question: Let us ask the question: Is the presence and exercise of spiritual gifts enough basis for success in ministry? If not, what are the essentials needful to fulfil ministry?

Answer: The answer is clearly no. There are some other factors which combine with spiritual gifts to equip saints to be all Elohim ordained them to be and accomplish all they were brought into this world for. Collectively, these factors make up what is called the Spiritual DNA of saints. This is a mix of factors which combine to make each saint unique in the Divine family and in the general society. They include

Character/Fruit of the Spirit, Natural Talents, Personality, Education/Training; Skills acquired; opportunities and attitude to life. A full teaching on these factors will be provided in the Course and Book titled ***Ministry: Discover, Pursue, Fulfil.***

4. Judgement Day is real. There is a day of judgement coming for those in Yeshua Jesus. It is the day He will take account for how saints used the spiritual gifts they were endowed with to occupy until He returns. Various parables of Jesus clearly spell out this reality (Luke 19:10-27 ; Matthew 25:14-32; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Those who sit on their gifts waiting for the day Yeshua will return are doing themselves a great disservice. They are clearly unfaithful! Those who in the name of the Kingdom denigrate or devalue the soon return of Yeshua have made themselves Apostates. They are playing into the hands of the wicked one.

2 Peter 3:3-4 (KJV) 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

The plan of Elohim is to release a measure of the Holy Spirit into and through us to manifest His glory and proclaim His Kingdom in Power. The scriptures we examined in this course: Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-28; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:9-11 make it clear ALL saints in Yeshua, Jesus – His very Body: male and female; young and old - have been blessed with several spiritual gifts. As it is, the least any saint

has is one spiritual gift which should be discovered and deployed to serve others and the Head.

Assignment

(1). Please summarize any 3 of the 5 points in this chapter that have perfected your understanding of Spiritual Gifts.

Chapter Twenty-One

Epilogue (2)

We will now round off the course on Spiritual Gifts by examining 4 more of the issues which saints are to bear in mind as they pursue, discover and exercise their spiritual gifts.

5. Beware of Abuse/Misuse of the Gifts. As has been said variously in this course, let us beware of one of the leavens of Babylon: Using spiritual gifts to achieve fame and to draw people to ourselves as their mediators with Elohim or for making money. In this age of creative photo shopping of faces in slick commercials, this may be a hard pill to swallow! Who can receive this? Who can purpose to point people to Yeshua, Jesus alone and not to self?

The Temptation is real to be puffed up with the spiritual Gifts and callings received in Him and turn around to use them to draw people unto ourselves thinking we are 'building for Him'! When people are drawn to fellow humans and the anointing in them, a perversion of epic proportions ensues! Satan blinds the eyes of ministers - especially if they love the Lord from recognizing that it is a coup against His Kingship they are staging!

The outcome of such perversions is that supposed saints hang around their preferred 'anointed ones' and idolize them to the degree the Omniscience and Omnipresence of Elohim recedes in memory as the desire to please the human vessel leads to systemic hypocrisy.

Before long, there is charismatic witchcraft which has its toll on supposed saints as they become spectators around such heroes in pulpits. The consequence is that instead of growing to live like sons of Elohim who discover and fulfil their Melchizedek priesthoods, they become a mixed multitude of Strangers; Unwilling slaves; Orphans and Babes ever needing milk. They may be 'awarded titles and church offices' but are dependent clients of those who manipulate them for personal advantage, unable to rightly divide the word of scripture and empower others.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (KJV) 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

6. Spiritual Gifts are irrevocable. It is possible to fall out of a living relationship with Elohim in Yeshua, Jesus and backslide from the truth and yet the gifts may be still in operation. This is because the Lord does not withdraw gifts that are given to individuals.

Romans 11:29 (KJV) 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

This truth has been proved in ministers whose lives have become persistently reproachful yet they 'minister powerfully in the Charismatic gifts'. In that case, the

very gift given to be a blessing then becomes the basis of a curse:

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

That is why as we invest in knowing and manifesting spiritual gifts, we also need to invest in development of the character received by transformational work of Holy Spirit deep within us.

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The same Holy Spirit who empowers us to be vessels of demonstrating the awesome power of the risen Yeshua, Jesus also wants to change us from inside out! We also need to ask Elohim to give us the ability to discern people so we are not carried away by the gifts!

1. Special Word. Your spiritual gift is, from a practical point of view, your true Kingdom identity among the +7 billion people on earth! It will make a way for you and combine with the Spirit of Favour to guarantee Open Doors and access to any blessing Abba approved for

you in this life! To neglect, ignore or not walk in your spiritual gifts is to live a crippled spiritual life. Ultimately, the dead works of religion and politics will fill the void!

Proverbs 18:16 (KJV) 16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

Power changed hands at Calvary and the Resurrection morning over 2000 years ago! 50 Days later, the Church of Jesus was birthed in Power in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost!

Proof of your portion in the victory of the Crucified and Risen Yeshua, Jesus is the measure of Holy Spirit at work in and through you as spiritual gifts! Refuse to remain a spectator in the Kingdom of Elohim; refuse to come to 'church' to seek, week to week 'anointed men and women of God' who are paid to minister to you while you remain on the pew as part of a dormant 'laity'! Discover your gifts, stir them up constantly as you prayerfully deploy them in everyday life, not just when saints congregate in the building.

Joseph never ministered in a Temple for one day. Yet he walked in his calling and fulfilled it in public service to Pharaoh and the Kingdom of Egypt! Daniel never ministered in a Temple for one day but was fulfilled through the gifts of Holy Spirit which showed up in his vessel in the courts of heathen kings of Babylon and Medo-Persia. Arise from sleep! Put on the overall armour of Elohim and exercise your spiritual gifts, allowing them to carry you on the wings of grace to soar above the natural realm! Your set time of manifestation is now...

2. Final Word: Spiritual Gifts are not a call to Isolation and Independence! When you discover your spiritual gifts and callings, the Lord is equipping you to play a more effective part in the expression of His Body which He made you part of by Grace.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Those who use discovery of their spiritual gifts as basis of detaching themselves from the Body are in error.

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

We are called to avoid the Elijah syndrome of Isolationism because it is the surest way to faint and possibly fall. Those who are isolated from the Body and walk alone often fall hard.

Romans 11:1-5 (KJV) 1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am

left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

With these realities in mind, the basis of separation from a Body of believers where one was part of can only be necessitated by some very strong reasons. These include: Specific election by Elohim which is confirmed by Leadership and other saints. Other reasons may include: Where the fellowship of believers is stuck in religion, denominationalism and refuse to be open to receive revelation of Kingdom truths. In that case, the one who Elohim is separating will be imbued with a sense of mission that is so all consuming and undeniable!

There is security in the Body as our strengths and weaknesses balance out when we draw from others and release them also.

We urge those who study this course to avoid the dangerous habit of cherry-picking what tickles the ear or fit into idols in the heart while leaving off those which can lead to deliverance from fleshly impulses.

Spiritual gifts are gifts of Grace from Holy Spirit and should be exercised in the consciousness of the Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotence and Omnibenevolence of Elohim. They function best when flesh and its tendencies are crucified.

As we close out this intensely practical course, the questions that arise are:

Who are you in the Spirit?

What has Holy Spirit gifted you to be and do?

What Next: The Challenge before you!

Know these truths, appropriate them and walk in them in order to give space to Holy Spirit Who will use you as a vessel to demonstrate the present phase of the Kingdom and declare that which is to come!

Keep us in earnest prayers as we posture to receive, faithfully write down and distribute the counsel of the Lord for saints worldwide. The love of Yeshua, Jesus constrains us to spend and be spent to ensure saints across the world are equipped to be bright lights as gross darkness begins to cover the earth on several fronts!

The Lord obviously expects you to now play your part in empowering others within your sphere of influence! Please share part or the whole of **Spiritual Gifts: *What they are and how they operate*** freely with friends and family! Because the Word of the King cannot be bound by Babylonian copyright restrictions, you do not need special permission to share them in congregations, on social media or in Bible classes!

Beyond study for self-edification, The King of Kings wants to raise an army of fit-for-purpose co-labourers who will connect, be mobilized and march in formation to train and equip saints across the world in a holistic expression of the Great Commission before He returns (Matthew 24:14).

If you feel He calls you to be a vessel for training other saints within your sphere of influence, please send us

a note at visionarymail7@gmail.com and we shall further equip you to fulfil this scripture:

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Let the two questions be asked again:

- (i). If Not you, who?
- (ii). If Not Now, when?

Assignments

- (1). Please summarize any 3 points in this chapter that have perfected your understanding of Spiritual Gifts.
- (2) On a scale of 1 – 100 percent, how would you rate the usefulness of this course in helping you to have greater understanding of Spiritual Gifts?

Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire

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God has blessed each believer with Spiritual Gifts. Do you know what Spiritual Gifts God has given you?

Instructions:

0 means the statement does not describe you at all

3 means the statement describes you very much

This questionnaire has been written by man, not by God, therefore it is a tool to help you begin to discover how God has gifted you. Many people have found it effective and confirmation of their gifts

	Questions: Score 0-3	S
1	I am able to delegate tasks to others to accomplish God's work	
2	God has given me a position of authority over a number of Christian groups	
3	I am single and enjoy it	
4	I have accurately recognised whether a teaching is from God, Satan, or of human origin	
5	I have been instrumental in leading others to believe in Christ as Saviour	
6	I enjoy encouraging and giving counsel to those who are discouraged	
7	I am totally convinced that God will keep His word even if I cannot see it happening yet	
8	When I give sacrificially, I feel confident that the Lord will provide for my need	

9	I have prayed for others and physical healing has actually occurred	
10	I have enjoyed doing routine tasks that allows leaders to focus more on essential tasks	
11	I am happy to give food and provide a bed to those who are in need	
12	I often discern when people need prayer	
13	Sometimes when a person speaks in tongues, I get an idea about what God is saying	
14	I sometimes find I know things that I have not learned about people or even situations	
15	I have a tendency to assume leadership if no structured leadership exists	
16	I would be prepared to face imprisonment or even death for my faith	
17	I enjoy spending time with lonely people or even people in hospital or prison	
18	God has used me personally to perform supernatural signs and wonders	
19	I am able to relate well to people of different cultures	
20	I enjoy communicating biblical truth to others and seeing growth in their knowledge of the Christian faith	
21	I have a desire to speak messages from God that edify, exhort or comfort others	
22	I like to serve the body of Christ in practical areas	
23	I have helped disciple Christians	
24	I can speak to God in a language I have never learned	
25	When a person has a problem I can and have frequently guided them to the best Bible solution	
26	I am an organised person and use this ability to be more effective in the Lord's work	
27	The thought of beginning a new church in a new community is exciting to me. Something I believe I could do	
28	I am glad I have more time to serve the Lord because I am single	
29	It is easy for me to perceive whether a person is honest or dishonest	

30	I like to spend time with non-Christians, without compromising my faith and seek to be a light to them	
31	It is a joy to speak uplifting words to people who are discouraged	
32	I have believed God for the impossible and seen it happen in a tangible way	
33	I have sensed the Spirit leading me to give money or things to a specific person or cause and I do it cheerfully without any hesitation	
34	God uses me to minister to those who are in need of either emotional or physical healing	
35	I enjoy helping people or doing various tasks for others	
36	People have often said they feel comfortable in my home	
37	When I hear a prayer request, I pray for that need for several days even without being told too	
38	God has used me to interpret a message in tongues with the result that the body of Christ was edified	
39	God has given me words to say that has even surprised me	
40	I enjoy leading, inspiring and motivating others in the Lord's work	
41	I would be prepared to suffer physical persecution for my faith	
42	I feel great compassion for the problems of others	
43	God has used me to pray for impossible things that have come to pass	
44	I have a desire to see people in other countries won to the Lord and be able to minister to them	
45	I enjoy relating to the same group of people over a period of time helping them grow spiritually	
46	God has given me insights into the future	
47	If I see a need in the church I will get on with what needs doing without waiting to be asked	
48	I enjoy teaching people God's word and seeing them grow	
49	I have spoken a message from God to His people in a language I have never learnt	
50	Sometimes God gives me an insight into the proper course of action others should take	

Spiritual Gifts Record Score Sheet

Answer Scores		Total	Gift	Top Scores
1	26		Administration	
2	27		Apostle	
3	28		Celibacy	
4	29		Discernment	
5	30		Evangelist	
6	31		Exhortation	
7	32		Faith	
8	33		Giving	
9	34		Healing	
10	35		Helps	
11	36		Hospitality	
12	37		Intercession	
13	38		Interpretation	
14	39		Knowledge	
15	40		Leadership	
16	41		Martyrdom	
17	42		Mercy	
18	43		Miracles	
19	44		Missionary	
20	45		Pastor	
21	46		Prophecy	
22	47		Service	
23	48		Teacher	
24	49		Tongues	
25	50		Wisdom	

Spiritual Gifts Definition

A brief definition of some of the spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament

Administration is a gift that enables one to provide leadership and guidance in matters of organization and administration. The administrator serves by recognizing and co-coordinating the abilities and gifts of other members of the group, institution, of church (1 Cor. 12:28).

Apostle is the ability to communicate the Christian message across cultural (and frequently linguistic) barriers and plant a Christian church where there is no knowledge of the gospel. The term in Greek (apostolos) and Latin (mission) means “a sent one” or “a messenger.” The rough modern equivalent is a pioneer missionary (Eph. 4:11).

Celibacy is the special ability God gives to some to voluntarily remain single without regret and with the ability to maintain control over sexual impulses so as to serve the Lord without distraction (1 Cor. 7:7-8).

Discernment is the ability to read or hear a teaching or to consider a proposed course of action and then determine whether the source behind the teaching or action is divine, human, or satanic (1 Cor. 12:10).

Evangelist has the special ability to lead unconverted persons to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. Persons with this gift are able to help others to a life-changing decision that moves them to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Eph. 4:11).

Exhortation is the ability to call forth the best within others through the ministry of understanding, encouragement, and counsel. This gift equips one to lift up and strengthen others by helping them to move from their problem to a resolution of that Problem (Rom 12:8).

Faith is the special ability to “see light at the end of the tunnel,” even though others are unaware of divine possibilities in a situation. This gift results in one’s having extraordinary confidence in God, and it enables that person through prayer to tap God’s resources in behalf of others (1 Chron. 12:8-10).

Giving empowers one in an extraordinary way to understand or discern the material or financial needs of others and then meet those needs generously. The more one uses this gift the more God prospers one so that the person with this gift is enabled to give still more (Rom. 12:8).

Healing enables one to function as an instrument of God’s healing grace in the lives of others. The gifts of healing (Double plural in the Greek text) extend to the healing of the body, mind, and the emotions (1 Cor. 12:9).

Help is a gift that leads to practical ministries to others, which relieve them, in turn, to perform still wider ministries (1 Cor. 12:28).

Intercession/Prayer is the ability God gives to some to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers

to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian (Rom. 8:36-27).

Interpretation of Tongues is the ability to translate the message of someone who has spoke in tongues (1 Cor. 12:10).

Leadership is the ability God gives to some to set goals in accordance with God's purpose and to communicate these goals to others in such a way they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for the glory of God (Rom. 12:8).

Martyrdom is the ability to give over one's life to suffer or to be put to death for the cause of Christ (1 Cor. 13:3).

Mercy/Compassion is the special gift whereby the Spirit enables certain Christians to feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are suffering (physically, mentally, or emotionally) so as to feel genuine sympathy for their misery, speaking words of compassion, but more so caring for them with acts of love that help alleviate their distress (Rom. 12:8).

Miracles is the special ability God gives to some to serve as a human intermediary through whom He pleases to perform acts of supernatural power that are recognized by others to have altered the ordinary course of nature and authenticated the divine commission (1 Cor. 12:10).

Missionary is the special ability God gives to some to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in another culture (Eph. 3:5-8).

Pastor has the ability to give pastoral leadership to an individual or to a community of Christian believers. The primary function of this gift is to feed, guide, and nurture other Christians with sensitivity and sacrificial concerns (Eph. 4:11).

Prophecy is the ability to present God's word with clarity and power. The primary ministry of this gift is not prediction or foretelling; it principally has to do with declaration or forth telling (Rom. 12:6).

Teacher has the ability to understand and communicate the Christian faith so as to make truth clear to others. The end result of this gift is the maturing of Christian believer so that they may be more effective Christian disciples (Eph. 4:11).

Tongues enable some Christians to praise God either in another language not yet learned (Acts 2) or in ecstatic utterance that is not an earthly language. In either case one's prayer is addressed to God, not to other people (1 Cor. 14:2).

Serving is a task-oriented ministry that results in the supplying of material and temporal services to others in the Body of Christ, thereby freeing them to perform still other ministries (Rom. 12:7).

Word of Knowledge is knowing facts or truth about a person or a situation as the Holy Spirit directly reveals it (1 Cor. 12:8).

Word of Wisdom relates to a special illumination that enables one in a specific instance to grasp divine insight regarding a fact, situation, or context (1 Cor. 12:8).

Spiritual Gifts Course – Feedback

Cynthia D’Nise, Illinois USA - What have I learned from this Course? This Course has been “food for the Soul! It has been presented in such a way/manner/fashion that you not only wanted to dive right in to explore and see where it would take you, it has been easy to digest.

This Course offered a wealth of information, yet as you begin to dig deeper and study more it became richer; more enlightening, as well as inviting. You begin realizing that there is a lot of information. Some you may have already known as well as plenty of new things you’ve never knew or maybe you just have not thought of it that way, or never had it presented in that particular wording; phrasing; or the whole concept of what you’ve read is just different.

As you proceed and dig deeper and go even deeper it begins to illuminate; resonate; and incubate. Incubate? Yes incubate! Like a mother hen you are waiting and watching for something greater and even more unexpected to hatch/be birthed. You have now entered the realm of the spirit where this not information this is “revelation” for Holy Spirit is now ready to seat you and take you on a journey into ‘new levels’ of learning not

In the Scriptures and the Father (Abba) you thought you knew. Holy Spirit is about to reveal the “True hidden You” you knew nothing about. It called “transparency in me” and “Transparency before Thee (Yeshua, Jesus). Yes, you’ve guessed it! There is “NO HIDING PLACE BEFORE ELOHIM.”

This Course helps you to take a new approach to the old way of doing things; the old way of thinking (even stinking thinking), and it propels you at the throne of His Feet where you surrender your will for His Will if you have not already done so. And if you have, it propels you to get rid of some more (For we must die daily to self). There is a “stirring up” even of the gifts that have been lying dormant, and in some cases

Some you may not have known that you have. All this is taken place for Holy Spirit that abides in you, has taken complete control of the rein, as you surrender totally, wholeheartedly, and completely, to the will of the Father and allow Him to process you, cleanse you, purge you, impart into you, as well as to launch the new consecrated/sanctified you; into your destined and appointed place in Him and His will, purpose, and plan for your life. Yes, the new (tongue talking; sanctified; Holy Ghost- filled, and fire-baptized you. This is what I have to say about this Course. Thank you, Apostle George and Pastor Grace! Amen and Amen

Michelle Wilson, Pottstown, Pa. USA - I learned from this course is that spiritual gift is the showing up of Holy Spirit through the lives of saints to represent Yeshua on Earth. Spiritual gifts are imparted to us from Yahweh our Father through Holy Spirit after the conversion, when we surrender ourselves to Yeshua as the supreme ruler and die to ourselves. Matthew 16:24 .Everyone is given a gift for the manifestation of the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek in human vessels in the Earth realm for the building up of the body of believers. We will give an account in the last days of what we have done with these gifts,

Whether good or bad. The gifts are activated by the laying on of hands, intense prayer and being active, Just doing ministry. Spiritual gifts are given in a measure according to our several abilities. There are thirty-two spiritual gifts in all. Not everyone has the same gift, but the same Spirit operates all gifts. Walking in humility with respect for each other's gift makes the flow much better because we are better together. Yeshua came from heaven to set the church back in order. The order was lost when the church adopted the Roman tradition and religious rituals instead of following Yeshua's divine plan. He started with the foundation of the church, the five pillars. The Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers which is for the perfecting of the saints. Without these five headship gifts the saint will never achieve his/her full potential (Ephesians 4:12-16).

This course has affected my way of thinking in such a way that I am now determined to know my gift. All this is new. I have sat in churches for years and haven't heard this before. Thank you, Jesus for the whole council of Elohim and for Apostle George for his faithfulness in presenting these classes to us. Spiritual gifts are to be used not to lay dormant. This course taught me this principle and we all have a gift/gifts. Now I am seeking, knocking and asking diligently my role in the kingdom. Being faithful with doing kingdom work such as ushering, cleaning the church, greeting or praying can stir up the gifts that are in me. I would love to be part of this kingdom work in the Earth.

Beatrice Mayo, Botswana Africa - Spiritual Gifts course has been divinely informative, educative,

revelatory and spiritually uplifting for me. This course has taught me to rediscover the gifts that lay dormant in me and maybe would never have been discovered, revisited or revived. Sometimes as saints we have a laid back attitude about our gifts and assume the position of passing the buck to those that appear more recognized and have been afforded titles in the church. We forget that it's not about accolades, but that which Elohim has impressed us with to express Him in our Gifts and Callings. Individually, as members of the Body of Yeshua, as a living Organism, are latently aware of our Gifts but too afraid to exercise them and this is a battle of the mind where the enemy has us in bondage. After Conversion, we are automatically signed up as representatives of Yeshua on this side of eternity.

This course has taken me out of my comfort zone to imagine what the world would be like if all of us who have been equipped with this enlightenment, could individually be daring and unleash our Gifts! Let it start with me. It's a disservice to the Body and those that God allows to cross my path not to affect them with the Holy Spirit impartations. The Gifts are not just an intrinsic part of me for personal use but to profit all in my sphere of influence. I realize that as long as I sit with the Spiritual Gifts freely given to me, the enemy has victory over me and can continue to enslave those I have the opportunity to deliver from bondage, this has galvanized me into immediate action. There's no time for procrastination; it's an excuse. I don't need anyone's permission, but the knowledge Apostle George Akalonu has shared in this course for us all to tap into.

Having gone through this course, the question arises; of what point or purpose then are Gifts and Callings we are endowed with if they won't be exercised? This would unequivocally bring us to one answer that has been emphasized in this course which is; the Lord will demand our talents on the Last Day; let us not be found wanting. If we don't exercise or service our Gifts they will be taken away from us and imparted on those that will make use of them for the sake of the Body. The more I use my Gifts the more I sharpen and activate even those that have been lying dormant. This course has taught me to open up fully and be indwelt by Holy Spirit to express all the fruits of the spirit in Gal.5:22-23. This won't happen overnight; it's a process and this course is my jump start.

Not one single miracle in the Bible was ever performed without the Gift. Yeshua walked in all the Gifts but we each have them in measure of the Holy Spirit as single units and parts of His Body, to synergistically create a Body of signs, wonders, miracles without having to employ those that merchandize the Gifts to pull in crowds of spectators who will idolize them as the only ones who are endowed. Having been empowered by Holy Spirit according to Acts1:4-8; we must take dominion in all we do and be the exemplary Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedeck, unified in action. We have One Father, One Faith and One Spirit, serving One God who is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnibenevolent. That's the reason Yeshua came, that we may no longer be Babes, Unwilling Slaves, Servants or Orphans but sons. We are Better Together!

Tony Smith, San Francisco, Ca. USA - 1. I learnt from this course that spiritual gifts simply is the showing up of holy spirit through the lives of saints to represent Elohim on Earth. Spiritual gifts are imparted to us from yeshua, jesus our father through holy spirit after the conversion, when we surrender ourselves to yeshua as the supreme ruler and die to ourselves. Matthew 16 v 24 . Everyone is given a gift for the manifestation of the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek in human vessels in the earth realm. For the building up of the body of believers. In the last days, we will give account of what we have done with our gifts. The gifts are activated by the laying on of hands, intense prayer and being active, just doing ministry. Spiritual gifts are given in a measure according to our several abilities. There are 32 spiritual gifts but the same spirit operates all gifts. Walking in humility with respect for each others gifts makes the flow much better in that we are better together. Elohim came from heaven to set the church back in order. The order was lost when the church adopted the Roman tradition and religious rituals instead of following yeshua's divine plan. He started with the foundation of the church, the 5 foldpillars , the Apostle, prophets, Evangelist, teachers and pastors which is for the perfecting of the saints. Without these 5 folds gifts the saints will never achieve his/her full potential. Eph 4 v 12 to 16. This course has affected my way of thinking in that am determined to start using my gifts from now on. I also learnt that been faithful in doing kingdom work like ushering, praying etc can stir up the gifts that are in me.

Tavon Green, Kilgore, TX, USA - This course gave me so much insight on spiritual gifts and shifted and

changed my perspective. It really lit a fire inside of me to really get busy and seek to do the will of Elohim with everything he has placed in me. This course allowed me to see the things that we take lightly and think are just things that just happen we realize that they are actually spiritual gifts that the father has given us since we were made new in him. These gifts are given to us by Elohim and it is only by Holy Spirit does the gifts we are given produce good fruit. Any time we take what we are given and use it for personal gain or exaltation that is outside of the will of what the father desires and he will deal with you. The gifts are not for you to hoard to yourself or build your kingdom it is to use it to edify the body and add to it. When you don't use what the father has given you in the right way it will either destroy you or it will end up in your own destruction. The beautiful thing is when you are given these gifts Holy Spirit will use you to manifest himself through you and the gifts he has given you. You won't have to think of how to do it or what to do he will take total rule and reign over your life and use what he has given you to do his will in the earth. The gifts given belong to him not us so no matter what he gives us the glory honor and praise goes to him and he will get the increase. All of the gifts that he gives is to edify the body and add to and each gift works together for that cause. When there is an absence of one of the gifts from the body then the body suffers so no gift is insignificant. This is the importance of not just running off when Elohim reveals what he has given you to go ye. Understanding the ways, we can come to know what our spiritual gifts are is important because we are being disobedient if we just sit and do nothing. We are all given gifts and we all

have the mandate of the great commission to go ye into the world and save souls. The father knows what we need and he will equip us with just that nothing more because he doesn't want us to destroy ourselves. As the father reveals our gift and we walk in them the grace is set before us and our gifts and signs will make way for us. This course was very beneficial in helping me realize my value in Yeshua and understanding my role in the body. There were so many questions that were answered and clarity that was brought really helped me greatly. To know that there are gifts given to us that also in the word and it's not only the fivefold gifts that he gives us there are others. To know that every person born into the body of Christ has purpose and value in the father's overall plan in the earth. We all have a role to play and every gift is needed so not one out weighs the other that's powerful so when we say we are better together that is a accurate and profound statement. Remembering the statement about Elijah separating himself and what ended up happening it's important in these times that we stay connected as a remnant and the body of Yeshua!

Ade Mini, London, UK - Please write a summary of what you learnt from this Course and its effect on you as a person. Let your essay be minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 pages. I like to just summarise my take in from this course as a way in which Elohim had programmed my fullness in allowing me great knowledge about what He had in plans and understanding the basics that I need for the right foundation in ministry. I understood Elohim puts the spiritual gifts in place as a Primary instruments or tools for manifesting the Royal Priesthoods after the order of Melchizedek by the help of the Holy Spirit through human vessels, everyone that yield his vessels shall be used to fulfil the Divine purpose of Elohim in the earth realm. John 12:24 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. When you are dead to self, the Spiritual Gifts which essentially constitute the fulcrum of all factors which make up the unique spiritual DNA of all saints will come alive through the help of the Holy Spirit, to Seal saints into the Body of Yeshua, Transforms all saints from inside out, Unites all saints and Demonstrates the reality of Yeshua, Jesus in order to drive out the spirit of religion and dead works to tear down the leaven of Babylon and its organizational structures so that the true Kingdom of life and ministry, the living ,loving organism of mutually dependent and empowering cells or body parts, the Omega Church which Yeshua came and died for can manifest in the midst of the saints in the earth realm, by the manifestation of individual gifts jointly expressed, fitted

and compacted for the perfection of the saints and the building of the body of Yeshua.

Minister Jacky, Yarnton UK - I enjoyed this course a lot. When, last year I was asked to teach a church about certain gifts, I was already drawing on Masterclass teaching, but this hung everything together and I can only wish that I was able to do the whole thing with that particular church again, notwithstanding, on Sunday I saw concrete progress when I visited them again, as I do from time to time.

The course covered the spiritual gifts from every angle and put them in the context of ministry to the body of Christ and the great Commission. It was easy to both identify and see how individual gifts should be used, and good to hear someone speaking some common sense on the subject of tongues.

Reflecting on what I actually learned — Part of my assignment from the Lords is to identify, encourage and draw out gifts in Saints. I was afraid I would find it basic or unchallenging, but it was neither. I saw clearly how my root gift of compassion has always underpinned my ministry. This made sense of many incidents over the years when I had wondered why others did not seem to act as I felt they should have. It is easy. They have different gifts, but the body of Christ at large does not always understand how each gift fits in. The term “root gift” was new to me, but I used it Sunday, and every Saint in the place seemed to go “aha!” My teaching came with clearer explanation.

One thing I have struggled with is my “giftedness” as I have so many. As in other areas of life a certain ability

to do things has led to an all round usefulness but and inability to understand what I should be aiming for. I now have the gifts sorted in subjection to the ministry in subjection to my assignment and know how the puzzle fits together, both for myself and others.

My main take-away is the confidence I have gained to move where I was already moving. It has increased.

There was a lot of confirmation on the things I do say and teach and it is nice to have that kind of validation after feeling a lone voice in a ministry at times. I especially appreciated the teaching on tongues and order in the church. Also, the understanding every single Saint can move in spiritual gifts that support their ministry. I said this for years, but felt people were just isolating the gifts they have. Also, the acknowledgement that people do not need to run away and start a ministry just because they happen to have a spiritual gift.

The knowledge that martyrdom is a gift has been an eye-opener and really helped situations in my family. Several of them have unexplained, major reactions and I have bent over backwards to examine how I might be at fault. I realised that this is a reaction to the martyr gift that runs in my family line. This in turn made a lot of sense of old creation hurts where I was the family scapegoat and I can see how in new creation, the Lord would turn this around. It is easy to cope with attacks on your person when you know it is a result of your gift because you know what you are dealing with is a spirit and not the person themselves. Martyrdom has degrees. The gift does not mean we will all be shot or

burned at the stake. It is just easier to put up with when it happens and forgive.

All in all, an excellent course that all churches and individuals would do well to include in their teaching.

Simon Ndungu - Greetings in the name of Yeshua, Jesus. I have unspeakable joy for being part of the plan of Elohim raise a remnant for Himself for end time harvest Course 113, Spiritual gift has been one of the lesson that has changed me, transformed me, informed me, explore new insight of the word. I can boldly say that I am not whom I was before after encountering with Rhema word revealed in the course.

I have discovered that I was not brought in the body to be a dormant laity or unproductive but a living cell. The church Yeshua is building is a living, loving organism not an organization, this church can only be manifested when every member exercise his Spiritual gift .Spiritual gift is the manifestation of the holy spirit through the life of a saint; they define my identity in the body of Yeshua; they are my ambassadorial credentials. They are freely given by Elohim, "every good and perfect gift is from Elohim", therefore they cannot be attained by works . Spiritual gifts were imparted in my Spirit man at genuine conversion, it was at that point I received Basic or root gifts (Rom 12;5-7) which define my spiritual identity to manifest my Royal priesthood in the order of Melchizedek as citizen of the Kingdom. I am called to press in to the fullness of baptism of the Holy Ghost to demonstrate the presence and power of risen king through demonstrative gift 1cor 13.

I have also learnt that Yeshua has given diverse gifts but one Spirit, and we are only trustee, therefore we should not use them as basis to look for fame and Power .They are not to be Misused ,abused perverted to gratify our lust but to be natured, used wisely knowing we are just steward of the gift ..they don't belong to us and we shall give account. (Matt 25;15-25). it's important having discovered my gift and calling labour in them and stay true to my calling.receive and give others room to manifest their gifts for holistic well being of the Body

in conclusion through this lesson I have discovered some dormant gift I didn't Know were in me .I had to Stop at some point In the lesson to wait upon the Lord to reveal some of the Gift.. All Glory to Elohim.... Thank you Apostle George for sacrifice and time to teach us in manner we understood.more Grace

Rose Etuka - A spiritual gift is part of Yeshua that He deposited in each saint to be used for the perfecting of one another and edification of the Body of Yeshua Ephesians 4:12, 'For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ' Spiritual gift is given also to make the Body of Yeshua the Church strong witness of the reality of His Presence and Power. Also in I Corinthians 12:7, the spiritual gift and the manifestation of the spiritual gifts is the “showing up” of Holy Spirit through a saint. Remember that, “Holy Spirit is given to exalt Yeshua just as Yeshua exalted the Father when He was on earth”. When the presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested through His gifts to impart blessings, or

demonstrate spiritual gift, Yeshua, Jesus is on display, showcased and exalted. Hallelujah.

There are four-dimensional works of the spiritual gifts in the life of saints. He seals saints into Yeshua, Ephesians 4:30b, “whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.” “The Seal Measure is when the root/basic spiritual gift is imparted to define the new believer’s spiritual identity!” The Transformation measure of the Holy Spirit through the Word of Elohim transforms our lives. The Holy Spirit is the divine instrument for transforming our lives so that we are progressively made to be like Yeshua, while still here on earth. Unite Measure of the Holy Spirit groups us into the family of Elohim, unifies us with other saints into the Body of Yeshua; as member of the Kingdom nation The Demonstrative measure of Holy Spirit empowers saints to display the power of Yeshua through them to accomplish His purpose in them and through them. True ministry is a demonstrative measure of the Holy Spirit for it is an expression or bringing forth of whatever we are impressed with by the Holy Spirit.

There about 32 identified spiritual gifts in this course of which are all within these identified groups; Fivefold, Root/Basic gifts, Enabling gifts and Other Spiritual gifts.

There are four underlying Principle Concerning Spiritual Gifts. Knowing our spiritual gifts is important but being aware and understanding the 4 underlying principle concerning spiritual gifts are imperative and enables the flow of the Holy Spirit.

There are Diversities of Spiritual Gifts: Instead of focusing on our own Spiritual gifts or those that we are familiar with, it will be beneficial for the unity of the Body Yeshua for us to get to know all the other Spiritual gifts. This will enable us to welcome, accept and be opened to people with different gifts in love as members of One Body of Yeshua, fulfilling the scripture; II Corinthians 5:16, 'Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. '

Just as there are diversities of Spiritual gifts so are there diverse ways of manifestation of gifts. Manifestation totally depends on the Holy Spirit; how He wants to use the vessel. Knowing and accepting this truth will save us from judging others motive and intentions, criticizing methods used, or shutting people down when they are manifesting their gifts in way that we are not familiar with. We should give right of way to the flow and move of the Holy Spirit.

***HOWEVER Orderliness and none disruptive manner is the key. I Corinthians 14:33, 'For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.'

One cannot and should not use the Spiritual gifts to show off, or out of flesh or emotion. Spiritual gifts are Manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Yes this is absolutely important principle because it is written in Romans 11:29, 'For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable'; because of this one should be careful not to be operating out of flesh and not by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As read in I Corinthians 12:11, the Holy Spirit distributes the Spiritual gifts. With this understanding, there should be no need for lobbying, politicking or seeking for notice. Instead of seeking the attention of man, devote the time and energy in seeking deeper and greater intimacy with Holy Spirit through, the Word, prayer, charity and holy living; be about the Father's business, Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you".

From this lesson I learn of other Spiritual gifts. I am very familiar with Vision/Trance but never new them as spiritual gift. Vision is a clear visual impression of a present or future event. The vision as a mode of communication by Elohim is done in the spirit. Holy Spirit will communicate clear image to the spirit of the choosen vessel, the saint. Sometimes the vision might be in part and not the full picture until the appointed time. The scripture is filled with examples of Elohim revealing things in vision to saints. Ezekiel in Ezekiel 37:1-14 saw vision of the valley of dry bones. Trance is vision received when one is half asleep and half awake. In Acts 10:10-15 Peter fell into trance that prepared him for the meeting with a gentile named Cornelius, a devout man and one who feared God with his entire household, it was written that Peter fell into a trance; the vision was shown to him while he was in trance.

New Spiritual Gifts learned in this Lesson;

I did not know that Martyrdom is a Spiritual gift. Martyrdom as a spiritual gift is the grace to be completely sold out Elohim; to live only for His purpose and Kingdom to point of suffering and death. As we see in the lives of Stephen, Paul, Peter, the Three Hebrew Boys and Daniel in the Old Testament, they were willing to die for their believes instead of compromise. Daniel prayed even openly regardless of what it will cost him; Daniel 6:10, 'Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.' In Acts 7:55-60 we read of Stephen being martyred. Again I never knew this to be a spiritual gift.

Celibacy as a Spiritual gift is very new to me. This gift enables one to live for Elohim and be completely content without any desire for sexual intimacy or relationship. The society which places much emphasis on marriage has led many with such gift to deny it, resulting to unfulfilled married life in some cases. Matthew 19:10-12, 'His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. '

Kinyangi Timothy - Please write a summary of what you learnt from this Course and its effect on you as a person. Let your essay be minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 pages.

When we surrender ourselves to Yeshua as the supreme ruler and die to ourselves, Spiritual gifts are imparted to us through the Holy Spirit. This is done perfectly after we agree to be converted inside out hence receiving the Holy Spirit and be ambassadors to represent Yeshua on Earth. We will all be accountable over what we did with the gifts given to us. Once given, gifts are activated by laying on of hands, prayer and actively working for God in His sanctuary. Spiritual gifts are given in a measure according to our several abilities. Not everyone has the same gift but the same Spirit operates all gifts. We are better together. The order was lost when the church adopted the Roman tradition and religious rituals instead of following Yeshua's divine plan. Therefore he came to restore the church to its original order. The order of melkizedek. He raised the five pillars; The Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers used to perfect saints. It is through this strong pillars that saints achieve there potentiality.

Oluwabusolalmi Akinyemi - This course provides an in-depth understanding on Spiritual gifts, and further enlightens about the downside and consequences of not using our spiritual gift deposited in us by the Holy Spirit for Elohim's glory. Saints and people in ministry sometimes use spiritual gifts for their personal or selfish gain, which is contrary to what Elohim requires. This course establishes that the main purpose why the

Holy Spirit was released unto all who repent and accept Yeshua is to do his will and the Spiritual gifts are deposited in saint to build the body of Christ and bring people into the knowledge of Elohim.

This course also identifies all the spiritual gifts in order to build them and fully use them for the will of Elohim. The importance of the body of Christ working as one in love, peace and unity as saint build and stir up their spiritual gifts using it to build the church.

Furthermore, the diversities of Spiritual gifts was significantly identified and how they are manifested to have a better knowledge on the gifts we are likely to possess and how to grow and effectively use these spiritual gifts for Elohim's glory. This Course also enlightens that spiritual gift uses are not limited to just the church but they should be used everywhere to glorify Yeshua. If our spiritual gifts are not used or stirred up it can remain dormant and we will be held accountable for how, when and what we use our spiritual gift for.

However the same Holy Spirit is responsible for the fivefold and also and for the spiritual gift, to effectively use and make a difference with our spiritual gift for Elohim's glory. We have to be totally devoted and concentrated to him, making the Holy Spirit the authority over our life as Yeshua enthrones himself as lord of our live whereby he uses us effectively for his glory.

Course Impact Assessment

Preamble

To truly qualify to do this Course Impact Assessment, the students are instructed to first complete Lessons 1-21 and submit the Feedback. The idea is to ensure that proper learning takes place first before assessments are done. In other words, complete the Course first and then do the Course Impact Assessment.

This assessment is largely reflective. Please provide answers from experiential truth that was released into your heart while participating on this detailed teaching about Spiritual Gifts. We are not looking for memorized facts in the brain!

Between 60 to 90 minutes should be enough to do this Impact Assessment. If you need an extra hour, please go ahead and take it.

1. Please give a working definition of the term 'Spiritual Gifts'.
2. Please explain what the term 'Root Gifts' mean. Which passage of the Bible lists the root gifts?
3. Please explain what the term 'Enabling Gifts' mean.
4. Explain at least 10 ways of knowing the spiritual gifts
5. Which aspects of this Course made the greatest Impact on you as a saint
5. Kindly list out your own spiritual gifts received from the Lord

6. Honestly speaking, where do you find yourself short of divine expectations in terms of usage of your spiritual gifts

7. Please rate this course:

On a scale of 1 – 25, the depth and scope of revelation

On a scale of 1 - 25, how much were you personally impacted.....

On a scale of 1 – 25, how relevant were the Scriptures cited.....

On a scale of 1 – 25, rate the Teacher, Apostle George.....

Postscript

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- What spiritual gifts are implied and in what context in the bible?
- How are spiritual gifts to be utilized?
- What are the ways to discover our spiritual gifts?
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