



SOLDIERS FOR GOD MINISTRIES

The “Man of God” Course: Week 8

In the final week of our study, Dr. Lee laid out the truth that God is the great giver of gifts. Therefore, we must be careful to be good and faithful stewards of the gifts He gives. “But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 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.” Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-13 KJV. Scripture shows when we misuse our gifts, we lose purpose and end up depressed. This happened to King Solomon. God gave him great gifts and talents, and he began to misuse the gift of God for his own purposes and lost vision of what it was all really about. He strayed in every area of what men of God stay away from. He seized at God’s glory, compromised his relationship with God because of women, and fell for the love of money and materialism. He misused the gift of wisdom, knowledge, and riches God gave him. But in the end, he realized the truth that the whole duty of a man is to fear God and keep His commandments. Realizing this, the man of God remains focused and puts the gifts God gives to good use.

The body of Christ is made up of many members that form one body, just as the human body is dependent on all its members working together. So, the body of Christ must depend on each other to fulfill the work of God in the world. A body can live without a hand, a hand cannot live without a body, yet a body without a hand is not a whole body. We need all the body functioning together. “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 KJV Here in this verse, we see that though there is diversity and differences in the body, there is also unity for the glory of God. The ultimate goal for the gifts of the Spirit is for the benefit of others in the body of Christ, as the Bible says “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit [of all:]” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)

The gifts of God are irrevocable, but can be wasted. Therefore, we need to make sure to be faithful with what God has given to us, so that we will not be ashamed when He asks us what we’ve done with what we were given. Being faithful in our gifts means using them with integrity, not to serve self but to serve others, not to use them for personal success but for the glory of God. Not only walking in the gifts of the Spirit but also bearing the fruit of the Spirit. A great picture of how this looks is in the placement of love, the chief fruit of the Spirit, in the discussion of charismatic gifts in first Corinthians chapters 12 through 14... Chapters 12 and 14 are all about the gifts, but chapter 13 is all about love, showing us that love is at the center of spiritual gifts.

Men of God stay faithful with God’s gifts!



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1.) 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) **“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”** What does this mean?

Write your answer(s) _____

2. What is the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit?

Write your answer(s) _____

3.) FILL IN THE BLANKS: “if you are _____ in _____ you will be _____ in _____”.

4.) What would happen if we’re not faithful with our gifts?

A) Loss of influence B) Gifts will be removed C) Gifts will be given to another D) All the above

5.) FILL IN THE BLANKS: Pastor Safka Said... “instead of _____ the sheep they _____ on the sheep.”

6) What was one common thing men of God were found doing when they were called by God? and what should this teach us for our lives today? (two part question)

(A) Fasting (B) Studying (C) Working (D) Preaching

Write your answer(s) _____

8) What are some wrong motives for wanting spiritual gifts?

(A) To convince sinners (B) To heal physical issues (C) To gain influence (D) To have a powerful ministry

9.) What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

(A) To enjoy the gifts and presence of God (B) To have security knowing we’re saved (C) To serve the body in the area we’re gifted in (D) that the church can recognize a gifted individual for position (E) All of the above

10.) TRUE OR FALSE: We see different kinds of spiritual gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4... one of the differences is that not only are spiritual gifts special gifts or talents given to certain people but that even certain people themselves become gifts to the church.

TRUE FALSE

Bonus questions

Fill in the blanks: What are the 4 G’s Dr. Lee said to stay away from/not to mess with?

God’s _____, God’s _____, God’s _____, God’s _____.