

Key Outcomes

The primary objective of the teaching is to establish that **divine love** is the essential motivator and "key ingredient" for the effective use of spiritual and ministerial gifts ¹². The Pastor emphasizes that while desiring spiritual gifts is encouraged, operating them without love renders the actions meaningless ³⁴.

Spiritual and Ministerial Gifts

- **Spiritual Gifts:** Granted to every believer for building up the faith community, including mercy, service, teaching, exhortation, giving, faith, discernment, and healing ⁵.
- **Ministerial (Five-Fold) Gifts:** Specific leadership roles given by Christ to lead, guide, and mature the church, consisting of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers ⁶.
- **Purpose:** These gifts are intended to edify and lift up others, providing new perspectives and support for those in the body of Christ ⁷.

The Supremacy of Love

- **The "More Excellent Way":** Love is the superior pursuit and must saturate the operation of all gifts ¹⁸.
- **Motivation vs. Action:** The motive behind an action is more important than the action itself; for example, tithing without a cheerful heart or a motive of love lacks the promised spiritual blessing ⁴⁹.
- **Unity:** Love is the force that unites the body of Christ and conquers sin ¹⁰.

Practical Application of Faith and Compassion

- **Healing and Compassion:** Following the example of Jesus, disciples are called to heal the sick through **godly compassion**, which demands action and the use of spiritual authority ¹¹¹².
- **The Danger of Unbelief:** Negative influence and unbelief can nullify faith and hinder healing, as illustrated by the account of a student who succumbed to the negativity of family members despite her initial faith ¹³¹⁴.
- **Faith in Action:** Faith is described as a tool to "remove mountains," which represents any hindrance, obstacle, or infirmity not aligned with the Word of God ¹⁵¹⁶.

Church Vision and Foundation

- **Beacon of Light Church:** A branch of Promise Christian Ministries, founded on the five-fold ministry and godly principles 17.
- **Sanctuary Project:** The Pastor declared that the church property was consecrated and baptized with salt water on May 7, 2024, and is being built as a sanctuary for the Shirley area 1819.

Action Items

- **Believers:** Ask the Lord to reveal their specific giftings and desire to walk in them 8.
- **Disciples:** Practice ministering to oneself first and then step out in faith to minister to others through love and forgiveness 2021.
- **Community:** Release bitterness and offense to remain effective in ministry and family life 21.