

## THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God. Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on *her* head because of the angels. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 11:1-11, KJV.

GIFTS—charisma—a favour with which one receives without any merit of his own; the gift of divine grace; the gift of faith, knowledge, holiness, virtue; grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the church of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit

ADMINISTRATIONS diakonia {dee^-ak-on-ee'-ah} service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the commands of others, such as of the office of prophets, evangelists, elders etc., the office of the deacon , etc

OPERATIONS energema {en-erg'-ay-mah} thing wrought; effect operation

Illustration: the Lord tells woman that the furnace misfired; anointing for the ministry of helps.

Three types of gifts (gifts that say something, gifts that do something, gifts that reveal something)

### GIFTS THAT SAY SOMETHING (Utterance)

-Prophecy—inspired utterance

But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. (1 Corinthians 14:3, KJV).

Revelation gifts may flow through the gift of prophecy. Simple prophecy vs. prophecy with revelation.

Tongues—inspired utterance in an unknown language; in relation to ministry it is distinguished from devotional tongues;

But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. (1 Corinthians 14:28, KJV).

Not a prohibition of worshipping in tongues in the church. . .

Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. (1 Corinthians 14:39, KJV).

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (Acts 10:46, KJV).

-Interpretation of Tongues—tongues and interpretation of tongues is the equivalent of prophecy. It is interpretation, not translation; in other words, the gist of what God is saying. Same person or another person.

ILLUSTRATION: Tom in Park River. Recently messages in tongues have happened in my ministry.

### GIFTS THAT REVEAL SOMETHING (Revelation)

Word of Knowledge—supernatural knowledge from God about certain facts;

Ex: Jesus and the woman at the well;

For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. (John 4:18, KJV).

Tom: Word of knowledge at devil's lake. At Lake Park, shoulder, Debbie Dalen.

Word of Wisdom—supernatural wisdom about the mind and purpose of God. This would include prophecies about the future, as well as the counsel and plan of God.

Example: Samuel is directed by God to anoint David as King. This is not a word of knowledge, as David was a shepherd, not a King. But it is a Word of Wisdom, concerning the plan and counsel of God.

-It is direction concerning the plan and counsel of God. This gift should be used with caution.

Illustration: God shows minister to use wisdom in the gifts and that he would use him in a mighty way. Be careful not to embarrass people. When you receive a word of wisdom from someone, do not automatically assume that it is a word from God. Generally God is going to confirm it in your own heart.

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. (1 Corinthians 14:29, KJV).

-Anyone can miss it. And also, some people have used a supposed gift of the spirit as a tool of manipulation.

Discerning of Spirits—the ability to discern (or see) the operation of a spirit, either good or evil.

Ex: Paul and the damsel possessed with a spirit of divination;

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: 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. 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. (Acts 16:16-18, KJV).

Spirits of Infirmity. (Luke 13, Acts 10:38. Mel Bond and woman with stroke).

GIFTS THAT DO SOMETHING (Power)

Gifts of healing—supernatural ability to bring healing; notice it is gifts of healing. . . some people that move in gifts of healing are more gifts with certain types of diseases.

Apostle Peter, Oral Roberts, Kathryn Kuhlman, Benny Hinn. Charles and Francis Hunter emphasized a ministry of healing for the body of Christ at large.

Tom: Marvin, we need to pray for you right now. It's a move of the Spirit.

Working of Miracles—supernatural ability to change the course of natural events or laws.

Ex: feeding of the 5,000; parting of the red sea

It also may include some types of miracle healings; Lame man at the gate beautiful, opening of the blind eyes, etc. To the person receiving it, it probably doesn't matter what you call it.

Gift of Faith—supernatural faith to receive from God; this is faith beyond the normal faith, which is obtained through hearing and believing God's word.

Ex: Daniel in the Lions Den; prophecies of Jacob concerning his sons; miraculous intervention in auto accidents; ability to impart the gift of the Holy Ghost; a gift given by God "as the spirit wills;" the ability cast out devil would probably fall under this category.

-Samson kills a lion with his bare hands. . . vs. Daniel (different anointing) Samson—more active

-Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. (Judges 14:5-6, KJV).

Expect these gifts to flow in your life and ministry (and your people) as the Spirit wills.