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Message: Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Discernment

Series: Gifted: Expect to be Empowered

This is our seventh message in the series Gifted: Expect to be Empowered!

The goal of this series is to bring you closer to the Holy Spirit by understanding who He is and what He can do for you. Hopefully you will understand the different spiritual gifts and by the end, be able to identify and employ your giftedness within the church.

Review

- Power comes from God's HOLY SPIRIT
- We believe in ONE God (we are a monotheistic religion)
 - made up of THREE persons
- We call it the HOLY TRINITY
 - God the Father
 - God the Son (Jesus)
 - God the Holy Spirit (God's Holy Spirit)
- Jesus PROMISED to give us the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus' promise is fulfilled at Pentecost
- The Holy Spirit gives LIFE
- The power of the Holy Spirit allows us to restrain EVIL and do GOOD

God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves.

—A.W. Tozer

- Supernatural power is given to us through spiritual gifts!
- Working definition of Spiritual Gifts
 - When the Holy Spirit manifests His presence and imparts His power through believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so they will faithfully and effectively fulfill tasks of ministry to build up the body of Christ.

Know this – in every area of your life where Satan is telling you, “You can’t!” God is telling you, “All things are possible!”

—Pastor Chad

Introduction

Today we’re introducing manifestation gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NLT)

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit.

Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

- Manifestation gifts are supernatural demonstrations of the Holy Spirit’s PRESENCE and POWER

Wisdom

1 Corinthians 12:8

People with the spiritual gift of wisdom knows what to do or what to say in specific situations, supernaturally to build up the body of Christ.

Knowledge

1 Corinthians 12:8

People with the spiritual gift of knowledge have a supernatural revelation of facts (past, present, or future) that couldn't be known through the natural mind.

FAITH

1 Corinthians 12:9

Different than a faith of surrender (more than a saving faith), it's a wonder-working faith like that spoke of in 1 Corinthians 13:2 – a faith that can move mountains. It's a sudden surge of faith, usually in a crisis, to confidently believe without a doubt you can do something.

Quote: "When this gift of faith is in operation, believers have an unshakable confidence that God will do what He has promised to do, even when it appears to be impossible." (Author unknown)

DISCERNMENT

1 Corinthians 12:10

If you have the gift of discernment, you're able to see through something, to the inner reality through the supernatural power of God.

Summary

Do you have any of the spiritual gifts mentioned today?

Never doubt that God can use you – regardless of your giftedness – to build up the body of Christ. If you're gifted – you have a greater chance of being successful because you've been selected – handpicked – and given a gift by your Creator for you to use to build up His church.

—Pastor Chad