

# 08/21/22 Message

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Part of Gifted - Expect to be Empowered

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## Message: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching

### Series: Gifted: Expect to be Empowered

This is our fifth 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 covering three "motivational" gifts - the gifts of prophecy, serving, and teaching. You may have one, you may have more than one, and you may not have any of the ones mentioned today.

## **Prophecy**

### ***Romans 12:6 (NLT)***

In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Paul starts out saying three amazing, magical words - in His grace! Motivational gifts are the fruit of God's grace.

If God has given you the gift of prophecy, Romans 12:6 says we should speak out with as much faith as God has given us!

- Prophecy is telling about the past, present, or future, declaring a message that could not be known by natural means; expressing truths that are in agreement with truths of the Bible.

The Bible also warns us of false prophets, because prophets speak for God.

There are two opposing views

- Continuationists are those who believe people will continue to receive the spiritual gift of prophecy until the second coming of Christ
- Cessationists believe the gift was tied to the authority of the founding

leaders of the early church and once the church was born, ceases to be necessary or gifted today

Note: We can't prove which is correct. What we can do is establish guidelines understanding that anything outside those guidelines is believed to be false. Prophecy cannot oppose what we're taught in Scripture and prophecy must edify and strengthen the body of Christ.

## **Serving**

### ***Romans 12:7 (NLT)***

If your gift is serving others, serve them well...

### ***1 Peter 4:11 (NLT)***

...Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.

Characteristics of the gift of Service:

- Express themselves by serving (tangibly doing the work)
- Prefer short term tasks (fulfillment comes from completing)
- Often volunteer and you can count on them to show up
- Had rather do the work than ask someone else to do it

Strengths of those with the gift of Service:

- Tend to be one person armies
- Exercise humility when it comes to menial tasks
- Availability, rarely says no
- Order is essential – but will sacrifice order to get it done
- God-given strength to do physical tasks

Weaknesses of those with the gift of Service:

- Temptation to become over committed
- Easily become frustrated over time limitations
- If feels underappreciated, becomes bitter or resentful
- Poor delegator (sometimes a poor coworker)
- Gets priorities out of order (prayer meeting vs cleaning)
- Demanding of others (are supposed to be helping but aren't)
- Tend to be perfectionists

# Teaching

## ***Romans 12:7 (NLT)***

...If you are a teacher, teach well.

Characteristics of the gift of Teaching:

- Search for the truth
- Study diligently (sifting through all the information)
- Help keep the church focused on truth
- Instinctively questions anything that seems inaccurate

Strengths of those with the gift of Teaching:

- Carries out research to gain information and insights
- Passionate about correcting error
- Uncovers facts/insights others overlook (consider insignificant)
- Places a great deal of emphasis on original language
- Receives more satisfaction from research (vs presenting)
- Faithfully studies the Word of God (researching is joy)
- Solves problems by studying more
- Diligent, steadfast, and sincere

Weaknesses of those with the gift of Teaching:

- Tempted to equate or confuse knowledge with wisdom
- knowledge is information; wisdom is seeing life from God's perspective
- Sometimes concentrates on facts instead of people
- Tempted to be content with knowing (vs application)
- Quest for truth motivates to constantly question
- seems as if they're being critical and negative
- Often impractical, analytical, and unemotional
- Give more information than asked for

## **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*