Ecclesiology

Session 37



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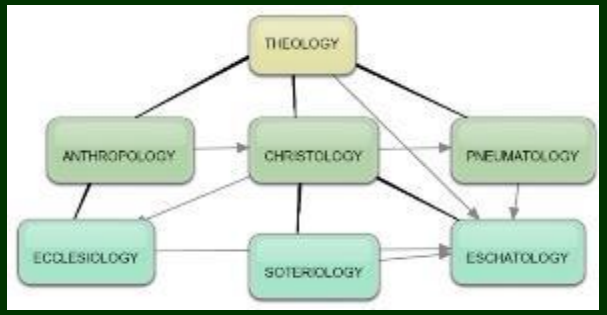
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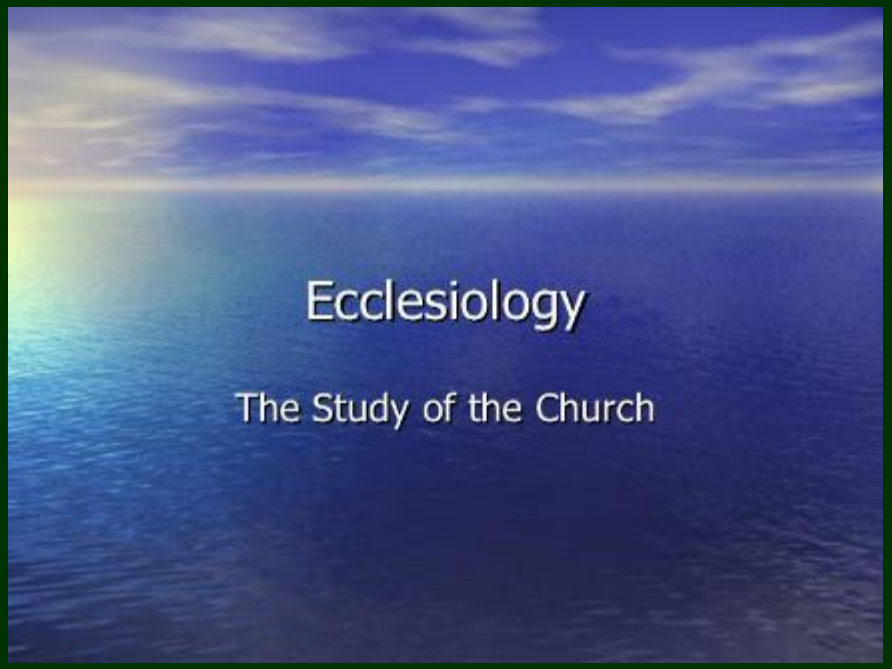


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VII. Purposes of the Local Church



- Glorify God (Eph 3:21)
- **Edify the saints (Eph 4:11-16)**
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)

Ephesians 4:11-16

“11 And He gave **some** as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors and teachers**, 12 for the **equipping** of the **saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up** of the body of Christ;”

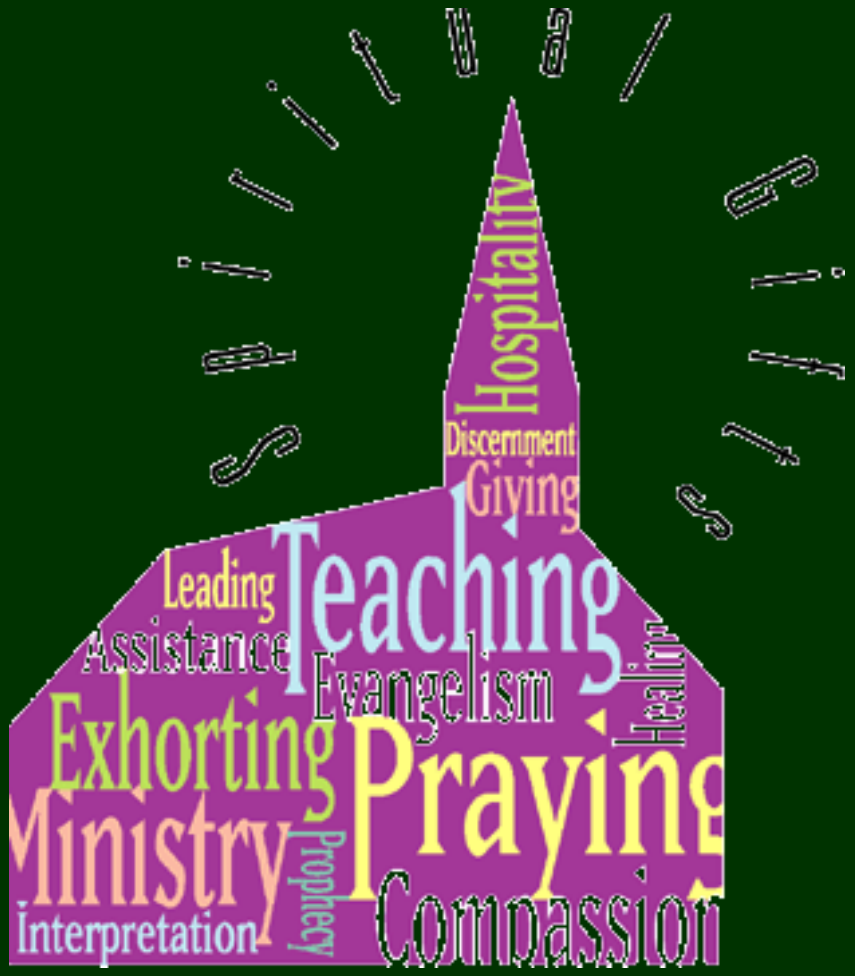


2 Timothy 3:16-17

“16 **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped for every good work**.”



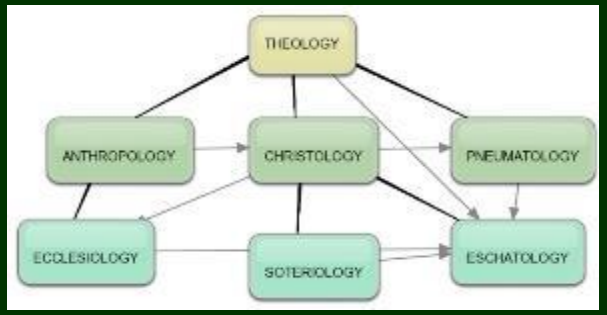
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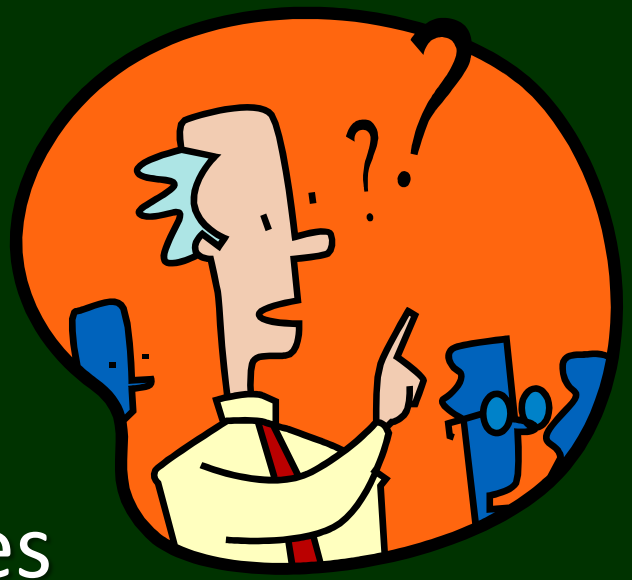
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The 7 Disputed Gifts

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Worker of Miracles
4. Tongues
5. Interpretation of tongues
6. Healing
7. Knowledge



Two Camps

1. **Charismatics** – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today

2. **Cessationists** (selective)– Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today



SLBC Position Statement No. 7

"TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS – This church teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues, (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cor. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal and/or give someone the ability to speak in a tongue (foreign language) today. We believe that the majority of what is termed 'miraculous' within the contemporary charismatic movement is something other than the Biblical gifts of tongues or healing."

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Spiritual Gifts: #1

- **Prophecy**: the ability to proclaim God's truth without compromise



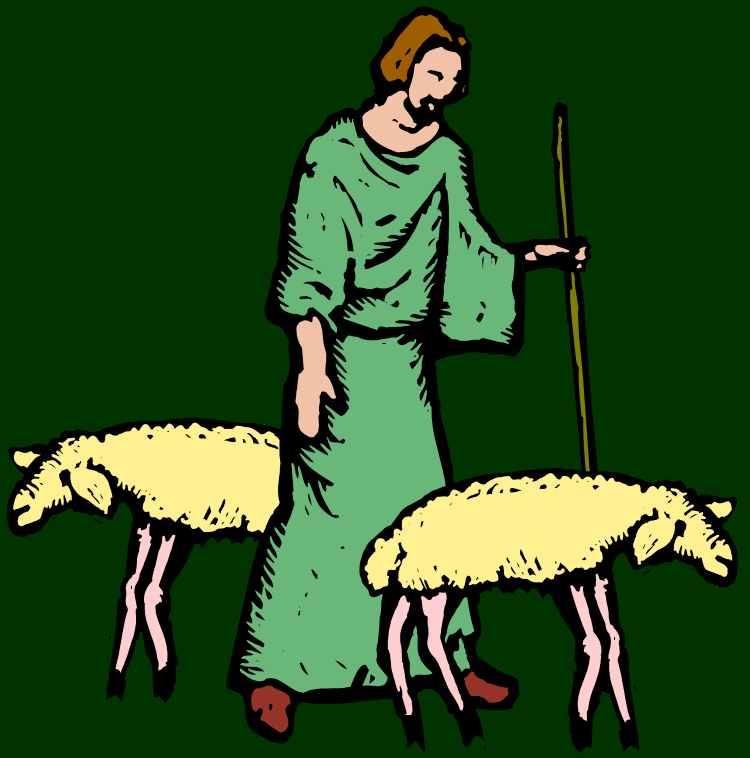
Spiritual Gifts: #2

- **Teaching**: the ability to explain clearly what God has already revealed (1 Cor 12:28)



Spiritual Gifts: #3

- **Pastor-teacher**: the ability to equip and mature the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-16)



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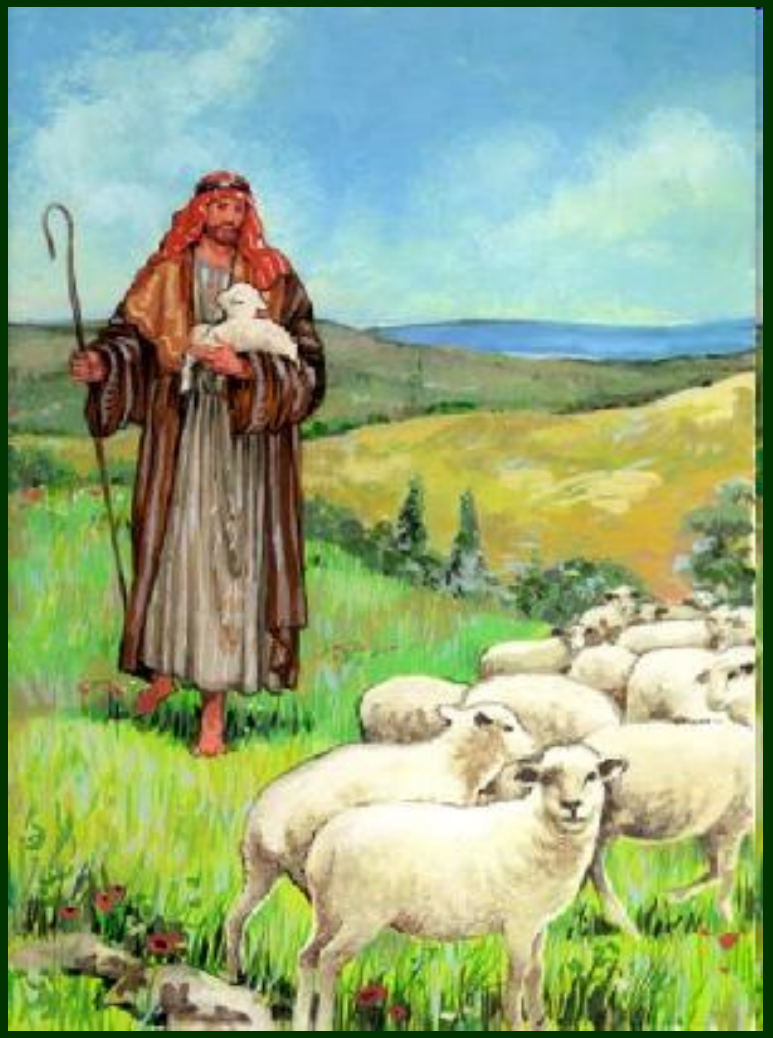
"*pastors and teachers*. The two ministries are linked together here, though separated elsewhere (Rom 12:7; 1 Pet 5:2)."



Ryrie Study Bible, p. 1881

Shepherd/Pastor

- Guide
- Guard
- Graze



Spiritual Gifts: #4

- **Evangelism**: the ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ with unbelievers



Spiritual Gifts: #5

- **Exhortation**: the ability to encourage others in the body of Christ



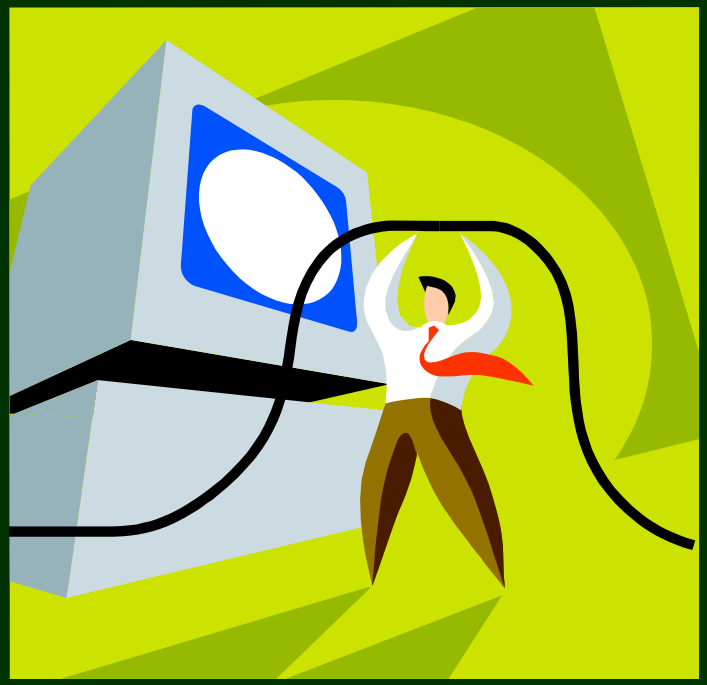
Spiritual Gifts: #6

- **Discernment**: the ability to detect moral or doctrinal error (Rev 2:2)



Spiritual Gifts: #7

- **Administration**: the ability to effectively run or manage a church program



Spiritual Gifts: #8

- **Leadership**: the ability to cast an organizational vision and motivate others toward the fulfillment of that vision



Spiritual Gifts: #9

- **Knowledge**: the ability to understand complex biblical truths (1 Cor 8:1)



Spiritual Gifts: #10

- **Wisdom**: the ability to find knowledge from the Scriptures and apply it to daily life (1 Cor 2:6-7)



Spiritual Gifts: #11

- **Service**: the ability to minister to others



Spiritual Gifts: #12

- **Giving**: the ability to give material goods and financial resources with joy so that the needs of the Lord's work are met



Spiritual Gifts: #13

- **Hospitality**: the ability to make guests feel comfortable and at home (Rom 12:13)



Spiritual Gifts: #14

- **Mercy**: the ability to devote energy toward helping those in pitiable conditions



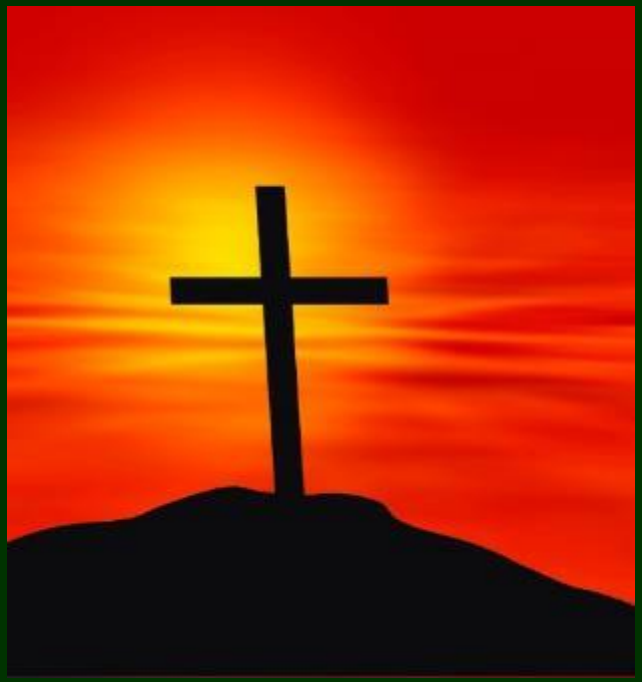
Spiritual Gifts: #15

- **Helps**: the ability to free up others from certain responsibilities so that they can exercise their gifts more effectively (Acts 6:1-4)



Spiritual Gifts: #16

- **Faith**: the ability to trust God in the midst of life's difficulties



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- Know what the gifts are and their purpose



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- Obey the known or revealed will of God to all believers (Luke 16:10; Rom 12:1)



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- What do you naturally gravitate toward?



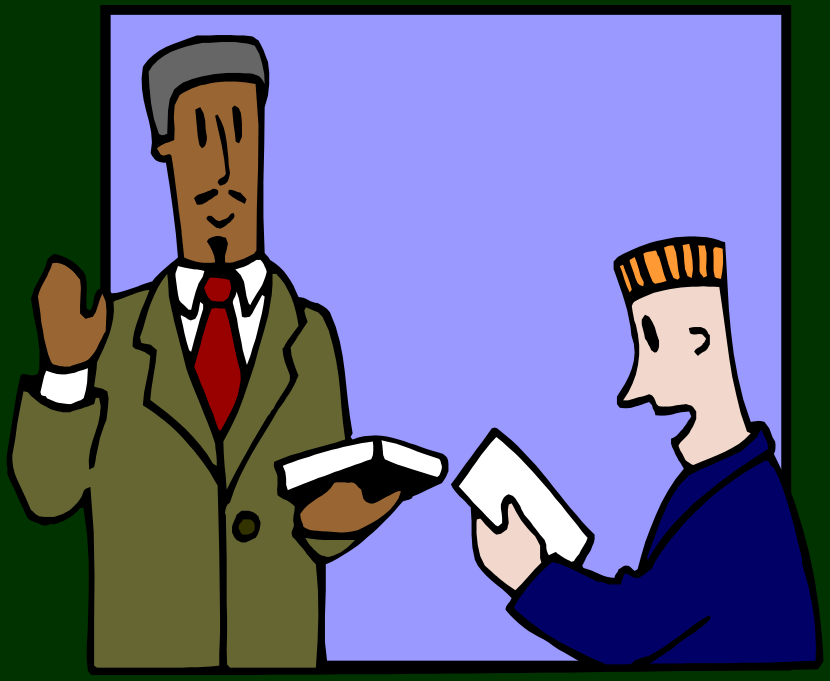
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- What ministry or ministries do you enjoy doing?



How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- Does anyone get especially blessed when you serve God in a particular way?



Spiritual Gifts: Observation #6

- Spiritual gifts are given in order to edify the church (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12, 26; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10)



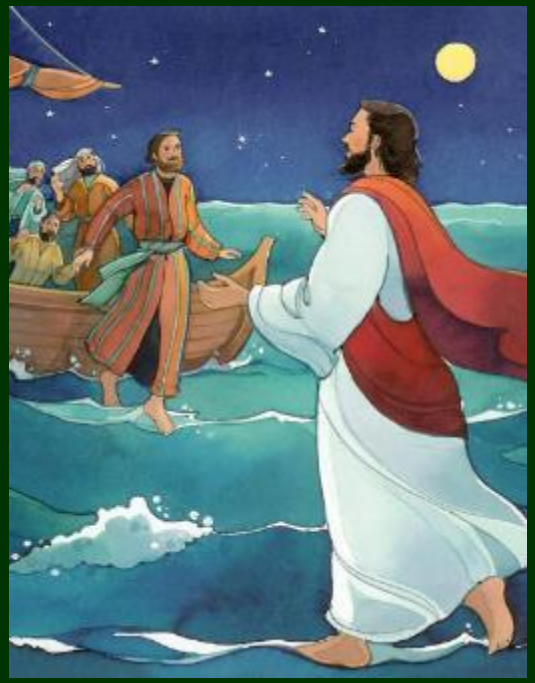
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- What are you most critical of?



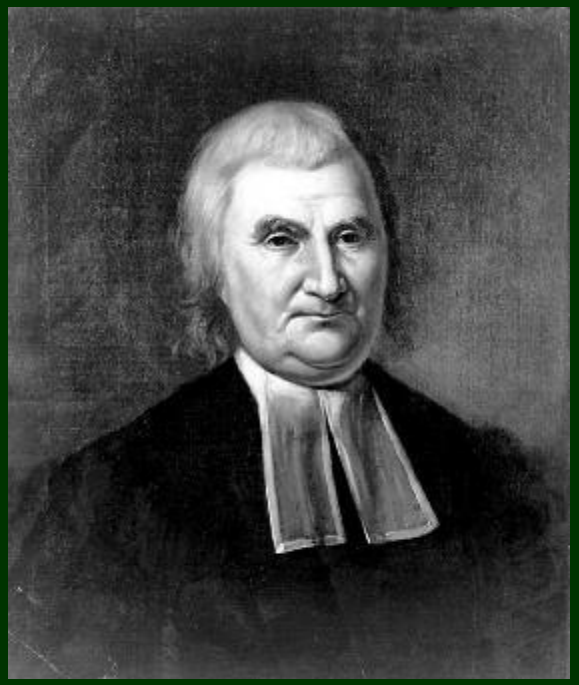
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- Step out in faith (Rom 12:6)



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- Do not despise the day of small beginnings (Zech 4:10)



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