

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS SESSION 3 - March 5, 2025**

**Gifts—undeserved and unearned but must be received.**

Passionately seek the spiritual gifts especially that you prophecy. Cor 14:1  
1 Cor 14: 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

### **SESSION 4: POWER OR IMPARTATION GIFTS-**

1. The gift of faith
2. The gift of healing
3. The gift of the performing of miracles

**POWER GIFTS- THEY OPERATE ONLY BY THE POWER OF GOD**

**GIFT OF FAITH- Most difficult to delineate because it is so subtle but required to perform a healing or miracle. Most of the time it rises up first then the miracle or healing. You can do very little without faith.**

Jesus had disappointment when people lacked faith.

1. His disciples because they could not cast out a demon Matt 17:14-20.
2. The Pharisees because the following the law was more important than faith in Him. *John 5:39-40 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life*” Some Christians also fall into this trap.

Faith is the key to the Christian walk. Hebrews 11 – The faith chapter. This gift is a supernatural impartation.

What it is: Hebrews 11.1, Mark 11:22-23

It is a special anointing from God at a moment of time which increases one's faith and can be imparted to others simply by being around the person so gifted. The popcorn example.

### **EXAMPLES:**

Jesus cursing the fig tree. Mark 11:12-14

Jesus taught to speak to the problem directly, not to God with reference to the need. “Whosoever shall say unto this mountain.” The command- “Be thou removed”

The faith the size of a mustard seed.

Matt 8:8, Matt. 8:13c The centurion believing that Jesus could heal his servant. Jesus said: I have never found faith like this, even in Israel.

Matt 9:18 Jairus having faith Jesus could heal his daughter.  
Peter had to have faith to get out of the boat.

## **GIFT OF HEALING**

What it is: the God given ability to impart the healing virtue of Jesus Christ to others. We see healing by Jesus and related to healing some demonic activity tied to the infirmity.

## **EXAMPLES IN BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT**

Eli ministering to Hannah regarding her barrenness 1 Sam 1:10-17

The healings of Jesus are too numerous to mention.

Healing Peter's mother in law- Luke 4:38-39

Healed entire city Mark 1:32-34

Healed man of withered hand Luke 6:6-10

The apostles and early preachers of the church Acts 5:15-16

The woman with the issue of blood. Healing left Jesus' body Luke 8:46

Dumb man spoke - demon Mt 8:16

Blind and dumb Mat 12:22

To heal the sick signifies:

1. to restore to health Mark 16-18
1. to cure- a setting free or removal of the cause of a condition Luke 7:21
2. to make sound- to make completely whole
3. to reconcile or bring together, that which has been removed or severed, such as broken bones, etc...

Jesus sent disciples out to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. The kingdom of God is at hand. Matt 10:8

Matt 16 And these will be the signs that will accompany those who believe, in my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents with their hands and if they drink any poison, it will not hurt them, they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.

They preached everywhere and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

## GIFT OF MIRACLES

It is the God given ability to perform acts that are supernatural, being beyond the realm of or contrary to the laws of nature.

### EXAMPLES:

Moses turns his rod into a serpent Exo 4:1-4

The miracles of Moses during the Exodus

Elijah- miracle with food that lasts 1 Kings 17:8-16

Jesus cursing the fig tree Mark 11:23

Elijah causing the rain to cease Jas 5:17-18

Jesus- feeding of the multitudes, walking on water, turning water to wine, raising Lazarus from the dead as well as widow's son and Jairus' daughter.

Peter raising Dorcas from the dead Acts 9:36-41.

The coin out of the fishes mouth. Jesus to pay taxes.

*JOHN 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written".*

## DEMONS

Christians are not comfortable with the unfamiliar and unknown, the gifts and demons.

- Roughly 1/3 of Jesus' documented ministry dealt with demons. The New Testament mentions Jesus casting out evil spirits 55 times, but only describes the events in detail five times.
- The Greek word ekballo is used in the Bible to describe Jesus casting out demons, meaning to forcibly throw out.

Demonic activity should not be the focus of a Christian but should not be ignored. The devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Demons are smarter than you. They have been around since the beginning of time with God. They most likely know your past and your greatest weakness. When necessary they will pull it out to use it against you as you get more powerful in the kingdom of God.

They have had time to develop an advanced communication network.

Limited in power. Constrained and controlled by God

Can't read your minds.

No need to fear them nor focus any attention on them. Deal with them as they arise and then forget about them. Ask God to cleanse you after any demonic encounter so you are not 'slimed' by the exposure.

Yelling at them doesn't produce results. Jesus produces the result.

If you cast out a demon, realize you leave a void and seven more evil demons will come to fill the void. Matt 12: <sup>43</sup>“*When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.*” <sup>44</sup>*Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.* <sup>45</sup>*Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”*

What do you do then? Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Be sure the person has accepted Christ into their heart. Not difficult when a demon has been cast out. e.g. Mary Magdelin whom 7 demons were cast out.

They can act out in degrees based on possession versus a stronghold. Jesus breaks strongholds. A Christian can't be possessed by a demon because a Christian is possessed by the Holy Spirit but unsundered areas of our lives can have elements of demonic control.

#### Casting out demons

- Jesus cast out demons from a man in a synagogue (Mark 1)
- Jesus cast out demons from two men near tombs (Matthew 8)
- Jesus cast out a demon from a mute man (Luke 11)
- Jesus cast out demons from a man in the story of the Gerasene demoniac (Mark 5)  
Demonic possession
- In the story of the Gerasene demoniac, Jesus cast out demons, but allowed them to enter a herd of swine
- In Mark 3:11-12, Jesus told demons to be quiet about him  
Demonic nature
- Demons are described as evil spirits, unclean spirits, and lying spirits
- Demons are enemies of God, and are defeated by Christ

- Demons deceive the world and attack Christians  
Demonic authority
- Jesus' authority over demons was one of the proofs that he was the Son of God
- Jesus also gave his disciples the power to cast out demons.
- Jesus spoke directly to the demons.