

***Walk By The Spirit:
The Role and Importance of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Believer***

8 - Spiritual Gifts

April 9, 2017

Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4,
Sunday Evening Bible Study

1. Review
 - 1.1. Trinity
 - 1.2. Characteristics of the Holy Spirit - He is God, a person and is powerful
 - 1.3. Wrong reasons to seek to be filled with the Spirit - Acts 8:9-24
 - 1.4. Right reason to seek to be filled with the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:7
 - 1.5. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit - Eph 5:18-21
 - 1.6. Things that prevent us from experiencing the Holy Spirit - Comfort and Volume
 - 1.7. The Spirit vs The Flesh - Romans 8:1-17
 - 1.8. Three Responses to the works of the Flesh
 - 1.9. The Works of the Flesh
 - 1.10. The Fruit of the Spirit

2. Spiritual Gifts
 - 2.1. Every Christian has at least one gift. (1 Corinthians 12:7; 7:7)
 - 2.2. The Holy Spirit decides what gifts I receive. (1 Corinthians 12:11, 18)
 - 2.3. The gifts I have are empowered by God. (1 Corinthians 12:6, 11)
 - 2.4. There are a variety of gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4)
 - 2.5. The variety of the gifts is made to work together in harmony. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
 - 2.6. Gifts of the Spirit must be used in Love. (1 Corinthians 13)

3. Dangers
 - 3.1. Don't confuse gifting with Christian responsibility.
 - 3.2. Don't confuse talents with gifts.
 - 3.3. Recognize that I have both a primary and secondary ministry in my church.
 - My Primary Ministry — Serving where I am gifted.
 - My Secondary Ministry — Serving where I am needed.
 - 3.4. Gift envy/jealousy is unproductive to the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:14-20)
 - 3.5. Gift pride is unproductive to the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:21-26)
 - 3.6. Don't feel that your gifting makes you superior to others. (1 Corinthians 12:21)
 - 3.7. Don't go crazy trying to determine your gifting.

4. The goal of the gifts
 - 4.1. The gifts are not for our own indulgence but to be beneficial for the common good of the church. (1 Corinthians 12:7)
 - 4.2. To equip the saints for the work of the ministry and build up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)
 - 4.3. To serve one another and admits God's grace. (1 Peter 4:10)
 - 4.4. To Glorify God. (1 Peter 4:11, John 15:8)

5. List of Spiritual gifts we see in Scripture:
 - 5.1. Leadership (Romans 12:8)
 - 5.2. Administration (1 Corinthians 12:28)
 - 5.3. Encouragement (Romans 12:8)
 - 5.4. Exhortation (Romans 12:8)
 - 5.5. Giving (Romans 12:8)
 - 5.6. Mercy (Romans 12:8)
 - 5.7. Evangelism (Ephesians 4:11)
 - 5.8. Shepherding/Pastoring (Ephesians 4:11)
 - 5.9. Faith (1 Corinthians 12:9)
 - 5.10. Teaching (Ephesians 4:11)
 - 5.11. Serving (Romans 12:7)
 - 5.12. Utterance of Wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8)
 - 5.13. Utterance of Knowledge (1 Corinthians 12:8)
 - 5.14. Healing (1 Corinthians 12:9)
 - 5.15. Miracles (1 Corinthians 12:10)
 - 5.16. Prophecy (1 Corinthians 12:10)
 - 5.17. Distinguishing between Spirits (1 Corinthians 12:10)
 - 5.18. Tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10)
 - 5.19. Interpretation of Tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10)

6. Positions on Revelatory/Special/Miraculous gifts
 - 6.1. The Pentecostal/Charismatic View: Tongues/Prophecy are Normal and Necessary
God speaks today apart from the Scripture.
 - 6.2. The Moderate Charismatic View: Tongues/Prophecy are Normal but Unnecessary
God speaks today apart from the Scripture, but never contrary to it.
 - 6.3. The Dispensational View: Tongues/Prophecy have Ceased
God does not speak today apart from the Scripture.
 - 6.4. Moderate Dispensational and Reformed View: Tongues/Prophecy have Probably Ceased
God could speak today apart from the Scripture, but if he does, there will be a verifiable miracle.

7. How to discover my Gifts
 - 7.1. Ask someone who is close to you what gifting they have seen in your life.
 - 7.2. Serve in ministry and evaluate your experience.