

Empowered Pt.II, Week 1 - June 28, 2026

What We Give - Acts 3:1-10

A Brief Refresher

- Spiritual gifts are: distinct abilities empowered by the Holy Spirit and distributed by God's grace to every believer that they might faithfully and effectively strengthen the church, serve others, and advance God's purposes
- 3 categories of Spiritual Gifts
 - Love Gifts, Word Gifts, and Power Gifts

Generosity

- If your gift is giving, then you should give generously (Romans 12:8)
- Definition: "People with this gift have a deep sensitivity to God and a desire to channel resources to others, and they do it with joy, right motive, and great generosity."
- People with a gift of generosity have what seems like a radar tuned to what God wants to do
- Signs you may have the gift of generosity
 - You've been led to set aside money before you knew about a need
 - You find great joy in giving anonymously
 - Following God's prompting to give led to God meeting a need you had
 - You've felt led to live more simply or earn more money so you could be free to give more

- The gift of generosity is not synonymous with having a lot of money (Mark 12:41-44, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5)
- Not every follower of Jesus is given the gift of generosity
 - Each of the spiritual gifts are for some Christians. Common faithfulness is for all Christians
 - All followers of Jesus are called to give to the work of God and to those in need
 - Malachi 3:10 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
 - Tithing is the floor for our giving, not the ceiling

Healing

- We live in a world that is marked by incredible brokenness
- Sometimes healing comes through a pastor or elder, other times it comes through a person with a spiritual gift (James 5:14-16)
- Definition: It is the divine enablement to be God's means for restoring people to wholeness
- Signs you may have a gift of healing
 - You can sense when God's power is present to heal
 - You have a deep faith that God can and does heal today
 - There is within you either a willingness to risk or to be used by God in this way
 - As you've prayed for people you have felt a heat or an electricity in your hands