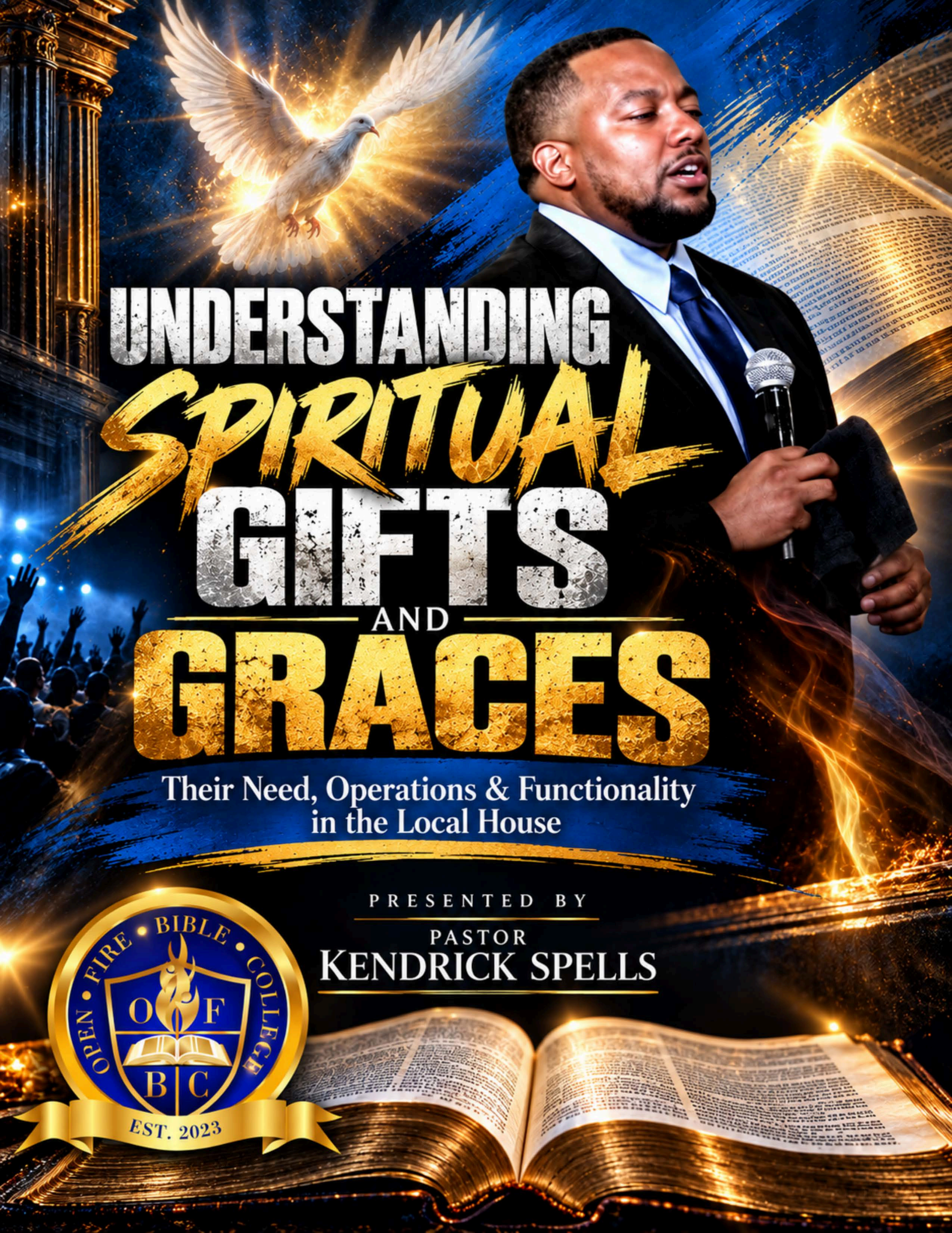




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THE CHURCH WAS NEVER DESIGNED TO FUNCTION BY HUMAN ABILITY ALONE.

The local church is a spiritual body carrying a spiritual assignment; therefore, it requires spiritual empowerment. We need organization, education, administration, excellence, systems, leadership, and natural ability, **but none of these can replace the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit.** Jesus did not leave His Church powerless. He gave us the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, graces, ministry functions, and divine enablements so that His Body could accomplish His work in the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (KJV)

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

Notice three important words: **GIFTS — ADMINISTRATIONS — OPERATIONS.**

God does not only give gifts. He gives different ways for gifts to be administered and different ways for those gifts to operate. Two people may possess similar gifts but operate differently because their measure, assignment, grace, maturity, sphere, and administration are different.

THEREFORE: DO NOT COPY SOMEBODY ELSE'S MANIFESTATION. INSTEAD DISCOVER YOUR GOD-GIVEN FUNCTION.

WHY THE LOCAL CHURCH NEEDS SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND GRACES

A church without the active work of the Holy Spirit may still gather people, hold services, create programs, raise money, sing songs, preach sermons, and maintain an organization. But the Church was called to do more than maintain religious activity. We have been commissioned to preach Christ, make disciples, equip believers, demonstrate the Kingdom, minister healing and deliverance, strengthen the weak, discern spiritual activity, give divine direction, evangelize the lost, care for people, establish order, and mature the saints. **The Church needs more than activity, we need divine ability.**

Acts 1:8 (KJV)

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Jesus connected **KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT with SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT.** He essentially told the disciples: *You have an assignment, but you need power to fulfill it.* This teaches ministers an important principle: **HAVING AN ASSIGNMENT DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE THE POWER IN YOURSELF TO ACCOMPLISH IT. GOD GIVES GRACE FOR WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO DO.**

1. Gifts reveal the active presence of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV)

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

A manifestation makes something invisible visible. We cannot physically see the Holy Spirit, but His presence becomes evident through what He produces and performs. When wisdom beyond human wisdom comes, when hidden matters are revealed, when healing takes place, when prophetic utterance strengthens the church, when supernatural faith rises, when spiritual forces are discerned, the invisible Spirit is making His activity visible.

2. Gifts are given for the benefit of the Body.

Spiritual gifts were never primarily given to make the gifted person look important.

THE GIFT IN YOU IS OFTEN GOD'S ANSWER TO A NEED IN SOMEONE ELSE.

Your wisdom may help someone make a decision.

Your teaching may break someone's ignorance.

Your mercy may help someone survive a painful season.

Your giving may finance Kingdom work.

Your leadership may bring order to confusion.

Your prophetic grace may bring edification, exhortation, and comfort.

Your evangelistic grace may bring souls into the Kingdom.

Your pastoral grace may restore someone who is wounded.

Your discernment may protect the house from spiritual danger.

We are gifted **for one another**.

3. Gifts equip the saints for ministry.

Ephesians 4:11–12 (KJV)

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying of the body** of Christ."

Healthy ministry does not create spectators. Healthy ministry **EQUIPS PEOPLE**. The purpose of ministry is not to create a congregation dependent upon one gifted personality. Ministry should develop a mature people who can pray, serve, evangelize, discern, minister, lead, give, teach, encourage, and carry out Kingdom responsibility.

EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD DESIRE TO BE USED BY GOD

There is nothing spiritual about refusing to be used by God. There is nothing humble about burying what God placed inside you. And there is nothing prideful about desiring spiritual gifts when your desire is that **Christ be glorified and people be helped**. Paul actually instructed the church to desire spiritual gifts in [1 Corinthians 14:1 \(KJV\)](#) *"Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy."* And in [1 Corinthians 12:31 \(KJV\)](#) *"But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."* The problem is not **desiring gifts**. The problem is desiring gifts for the wrong reason. There is a difference between saying: **"Lord, use me so people can see how powerful I am."** and: **"Lord, use me because people need what You have placed inside of me."** One is ambition. The other is availability.

Ministers must hunger for the Holy Spirit.

We should pray: **"Holy Spirit, fill me. Empower me. Purify me. Develop me. Teach me. Give me what is necessary to fulfill my assignment. Make me useful to the Body of Christ."**

Do not merely desire a microphone. **DESIRE POWER TO SERVE.**

Do not merely desire a title. **DESIRE GRACE TO FUNCTION.**

Do not merely desire recognition. **DESIRE CAPACITY TO CARRY RESPONSIBILITY.**

UNDERSTANDING TALENT, SKILL, SPIRITUAL GIFT AND GRACE

These words should not automatically be treated as meaning the same thing.

1. TALENT IS NATURAL ABILITY

A talent is a natural ability or capacity a person possesses. Someone may naturally sing well, communicate well, draw, organize, calculate, design, write, build, lead, or play music. Talents can certainly be surrendered to God and used for His glory. But natural talent alone is not the same thing as a manifestation of the Spirit. **You can be talented without being spiritually mature. This is why ministers must never confuse ability with anointing.**

2. SKILL IS DEVELOPED ABILITY

Skill is ability that has been developed through learning, practice, repetition, education, training, and experience. A person may have musical talent, but practice develops musical skill. A person may communicate naturally, but studying Scripture, language, sermon preparation, and delivery develops preaching skill. **Ecclesiastes 10:10 (KJV) "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct."** Anointing is not an excuse for laziness. **GIFTED PEOPLE STILL NEED TRAINING.** If God gave you something, develop it.

3. SPIRITUAL GIFT IS SUPERNATURAL ENABLEMENT

A spiritual gift is an ability, manifestation, or function given by God through which the Holy Spirit works in and through a believer for Kingdom purposes. **1 Corinthians 12:11 (KJV) "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."**

The believer is the vessel. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SOURCE.** Therefore, we cannot take credit for what God does through us.

4. GRACE IS DIVINE EMPOWERMENT FOR ASSIGNMENT

Grace is certainly God's unmerited favor, but Scripture also speaks of grace as divine enablement for calling, service, labor, and assignment. **1 Corinthians 15:10 (KJV) "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."**

Paul essentially says: **"I LABORED, BUT GRACE EMPOWERED THE LABOR."**

Grace does not always make you do less. Sometimes **GRACE ENABLES YOU TO CARRY MORE.**

Grace gives supernatural capacity for divine responsibility.

Romans 12:6 (KJV) "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith."

Ephesians 4:7 (KJV) "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

So we can simply it:

TALENT is what may come naturally to you.

SKILL is what you have developed through training and practice.

GIFT is a God-given ability or manifestation through which you serve.

GRACE is divine empowerment and capacity to carry your God-given assignment.

UNDERSTANDING THE 19 COMBINED SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The New Testament gives several lists rather than one numbered master list. When overlapping functions are combined, teachers commonly identify approximately nineteen distinct gifts/functions. **For training purposes, we can understand them in four broad groups.**

A. REVELATION AND MANIFESTATION GIFTS

1. WORD OF WISDOM

1 Corinthians 12:8 (KJV) "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit."

What is it?

Spirit-given wisdom concerning what should be done in a situation. It is not simply being intelligent. It is God giving insight concerning **how to respond, proceed, solve, answer, or act.**

Why is it needed?

Because ministry regularly faces situations human wisdom alone cannot solve.

How does it operate?

Through Spirit-led counsel, preaching, leadership decisions, prophetic insight, problem solving, and divine strategy.

2. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

A word of knowledge is Spirit-given knowledge concerning something the individual did not arrive at merely through normal learning or observation.

Why is it needed?

It can expose hidden needs, confirm what God is doing, strengthen faith, and assist ministry.

Important: A word of knowledge is **not permission to invade people's privacy or publicly embarrass them.** Revelation without love can become destructive.

3. FAITH

This refers to a special operation of faith beyond ordinary trust in God, this is Spirit-given confidence for a particular situation.

Why is it needed?

There are moments when God calls His people to believe Him beyond what circumstances suggest. This gift produces unusual confidence that **God is able to intervene.**

4. GIFTS OF HEALINGS

1 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV) "To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit."

God uses believers to minister healing to the sick. **The vessel does not become the healer. JESUS IS THE HEALER.** Therefore, ministers must never manufacture testimonies, exaggerate healings, pressure sick people to claim something that has not happened, or make healing ministry about themselves.

5. WORKING OF MIRACLES

1 Corinthians 12:10 (KJV) "To another the working of miracles..."

This is the supernatural intervention of God beyond normal human ability. Miracles point people toward the power and authority of God. The purpose is never to create celebrity ministers. **SIGNS SHOULD POINT TO CHRIST and not the person through whom Christ worked.**

6. PROPHECY

"...to another prophecy..." Prophecy is Spirit-inspired utterance that communicates what God desires to make known. In **1 Corinthians 14:3 (KJV)** **"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."** The New Testament prophetic ministry should strengthen, encourage, warn appropriately, comfort, and help build the Body. And Prophecy must remain subject to biblical testing and spiritual order. **1 Corinthians 14:29 (KJV)** **"Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge."** And so a person saying **"God told me"** does not remove accountability.

7. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

This is supernatural discernment concerning spiritual activity and influence. It helps distinguish what is of God, what is human, and what may be demonic. Discernment is not suspicion. Discernment is not paranoia. Discernment is not calling everybody you dislike a demon. **TRUE DISCERNMENT PRODUCES CLARITY** not confusion and accusation.

8. DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

Spirit-enabled utterance in a tongue not naturally learned by the speaker. Tongues may function differently depending upon context, including personal prayer and public congregational expression. Public manifestations must follow biblical order.

9. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

This is Spirit-enabled understanding or communication of the meaning of a public utterance in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:27–28 (KJV) **"If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God."**

Notice:

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT NEED DISORDER IN ORDER TO MOVE POWERFULLY.

B. SERVICE AND FUNCTIONAL GIFTS

10. SERVICE / HELPS

Romans 12:7 (KJV) **"Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching."**

1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV) **"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."**

Helps is supernatural grace to support the work and assist others effectively. **Never call helps "just helping."** Without people graced to help, many visions collapse under their own weight. **HELP IS HOLY AND SUPERNATURAL! AND HELP IS NOT MANIPULATION AND CONTROL!**

11. EXHORTATION

Romans 12:8 (KJV) **"Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation..."**

Exhortation is the ability to strengthen, encourage, urge, challenge, and move people toward obedience and faith.

Some people have a special grace to help others get back up. They speak courage and life into discouraged people and action into stagnant people.

12. GIVING

Romans 12 also identifies the person who gives. This is a grace for generosity and Kingdom resource. Giving is not merely possessing money. It is a Spirit-shaped willingness to release resources for God's purposes and the needs of others. God raises people who help finance vision.

13. LEADERSHIP / ADMINISTRATION

Romans speaks of ruling diligently, while 1 Corinthians speaks of governments or administrations. This grace brings direction, structure, coordination, strategy, stewardship, and order. **Romans 12:8 (KJV) "...he that ruleth, with diligence..."** Administration is spiritual too. Some people can walk into disorder and see: **what needs to happen, who needs to do it, what needs to change, and how everything should come together.** That is valuable Kingdom grace.

14. MERCY

Romans 12:8 (KJV) "...he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

Mercy is a Spirit-shaped capacity to compassionately minister to people who are hurting, weak, broken, grieving, struggling, or recovering. Mercy reminds the church that **WE ARE NOT ONLY BUILDING MINISTRY BUT WE ARE CARING FOR PEOPLE.**

C. WORD AND EQUIPPING GIFTS

15. TEACHING

Teaching is the grace to explain biblical truth clearly so people can understand it, retain it, and live by it. Teaching brings understanding. Preaching may proclaim truth powerfully; teaching often slows down and explains: **What does this mean? Why does it matter? How does it work? How do I apply it?**

A teaching church becomes a grounded church.

D. CHRIST'S EQUIPPING MINISTRY GIFTS

Ephesians 4:11–12 (KJV) "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

These are not merely titles.

THEY ARE FUNCTIONS GIVEN BY CHRIST TO EQUIP HIS BODY.

16. APOSTLE

The apostolic grace is a sending, pioneering, establishing, building, governing, and equipping grace. Apostolic ministry helps establish doctrine, order, leaders, churches, Kingdom works, and foundations.

1 Corinthians 3:10 (KJV) "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation..." Apostolic grace builds.

17. PROPHET

Prophetic ministry carries a strong grace for hearing, discerning, proclaiming, confirming, warning, strengthening, and helping God's people recognize His direction. But a prophet is not above Scripture. A prophet is not above accountability. A prophet does not become the Holy Spirit for other believers. **Prophetic authority must remain submitted to Christ, Scripture, godly order, and proper accountability.**

18. EVANGELIST

The evangelist carries a special grace for proclaiming Christ to the lost and awakening the church toward soul-winning. Evangelists remind us that the Church cannot become so internally focused that we forget people who have not encountered Christ. **2 Timothy 4:5 (KJV)** **"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."**

19. PASTOR / SHEPHERD

The pastoral grace feeds, protects, nurtures, guides, watches over, restores, and cares for God's people.

1 Peter 5:2 (KJV) **"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof..."**

Pastoring is not merely preaching Sunday sermons. **SHEPHERDS CARE FOR SHEEP.** They watch over souls, provide spiritual nourishment, guard people from danger, help restore the wounded, and cultivate healthy spiritual development.

HOW DO I IDENTIFY MY GIFTS AND GRACES?

1. PRAY AND ASK GOD

Start with the Giver, not a personality test or a spiritual gift test. These things are helpful BUT they are not final authority and they are man made methods to help us identify our abilities but they must never replace asking God. We must Ask:

"Lord, what have You placed in me for the benefit of Your Body?"

"What have You graced me to carry?"

"Where do I function most effectively?"

2. STUDY THE SCRIPTURAL GIFTS

You cannot easily recognize something you do not understand. Study Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12–14, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4. Understanding creates language for what God may already be doing in your life.

3. IDENTIFY YOUR SPIRITUAL BURDENS

What Kingdom need repeatedly moves you?

Lost souls? Prayer? Teaching? Broken people? Church planting? Discipleship? Leadership?

Giving? Prophetic intercession? Order? Young people? Families? Your burden does not automatically prove your gift, but repeated holy burden can point toward assignment. **BECAUSE WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO CARRY WILL OFTEN BEGIN TO WEIGH UPON YOUR HEART.**

4. WATCH WHERE GRACE CONSISTENTLY FLOWS

Where do you repeatedly see God use you?

When you teach, do people consistently gain understanding?

When you evangelize, are people consistently drawn toward Christ?

When you organize, does confusion become order?

When you encourage, do discouraged people regain strength?

When you pray, is there unusual spiritual sensitivity?

When you lead, do people receive direction?

FRUIT HELPS IDENTIFY FUNCTION.

5. LISTEN TO MATURE SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Sometimes other mature believers can recognize grace in us before we understand it ourselves.

1 Timothy 4:14 (KJV)

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee..."

Timothy's gift was recognized in a community of spiritual leadership.

Do not only ask people who will tell you what you want to hear.

Allow mature leaders to help discern, confirm, correct, and develop you.

6. SERVE BEFORE SEEKING A TITLE

One of the safest ways to discover your grace is to **SERVE**. Do not sit down waiting for somebody to announce **your title**. Work. Help. Pray. Study. Evangelize. Attend. Submit. Learn. Be available. Because many gifts become obvious **while serving**.

7. PAY ATTENTION TO SUPERNATURAL EFFECTIVENESS

Grace produces capacity beyond mere desire. There may be an area where you realize: "**God consistently meets me here.**" Things happen through your service that cannot simply be explained by natural ability. That repeated divine enablement can reveal grace.

8. ALLOW TIME TO PROVE IT

Do not build an identity around one experience. One prophecy does not necessarily establish someone as a prophet. One sermon does not establish someone as a teacher. One mission trip does not establish someone as an evangelist. **GIFTS MAY MANIFEST IN MOMENTS; BUT CALLINGS ARE PROVEN THROUGH CHARACTER, FRUIT, CONSISTENCY, MATURITY, AND TIME.**

OPERATING IN DECENCY, ORDER AND INTEGRITY IN THE LOCAL HOUSE

1 Corinthians 14:40 (KJV) "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Being spiritual does not give anyone permission to become disorderly.

1. YOUR GIFT DOES NOT MAKE YOU GREATER THAN THE BODY.

1 Corinthians 12:21 (KJV) "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee..."

We need each other. Never allow your gift to produce superiority.

2. YOUR GIFT WAS NOT GIVEN FOR SELF-EXALTATION.

If your gift constantly makes **you** bigger but never makes **Christ** bigger, something is wrong. Spiritual gifts are stewardship and not trophies. 1 Peter 4:10 (KJV) "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

You are a **STEWARDS** of the gift. You are not the owner of God's power.

3. YOUR GIFT DOES NOT GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO OVERTHROW GOD-APPOINTED LEADERSHIP.

Being prophetic does not make you the pastor. Being gifted does not make you the overseer. Having revelation does not give you permission to establish another government inside the government of the house. **GIFT IS NOT GOVERNMENT**. God may reveal something to you without giving you authority to independently act upon it. Mature ministers learn the difference between: **REVELATION** and **AUTHORIZATION**. God can show you something without telling you to announce it. God can show you something so that you can **PRAY**.

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4. YOUR GIFT SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE VISION AND NOT COMPETE WITH IT.

Spiritual gifts are given to help advance Christ's mission. In the local church, gifts should strengthen the work God has entrusted to that house. You were not gifted to create a competing ministry inside another ministry. **TRUE GRACE BUILDS.** It does not constantly divide, compete, overthrow, undermine, or create confusion.

5. PROPHECY MUST BE JUDGED.

1 Corinthians 14:29 (KJV) "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge."

No prophetic person should be offended because leadership weighs what they said. **IF YOUR WORD CANNOT BE JUDGED, IT SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED.** Because real biblical accountability protects both the prophet and the people.

6. CHARACTER MUST CARRY THE GIFT.

This is critical because **A STRONG GIFT WITH WEAK CHARACTER IS DANGEROUS.**

Gift may open a door that character cannot keep you in. You can prophesy and still need maturity. You can preach and still need discipline. You can heal the sick and still need integrity. You can discern spirits and still need emotional healing. You can be highly anointed and still need accountability. This is why 1 Corinthians 13 sits directly between chapters 12 and 14.

GOD PUT LOVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVERSATION ABOUT GIFTS.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (KJV) "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Because power without love is dangerous.

PITFALLS TO AVOID WHEN OPERATING IN SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND GRACES

1. PRIDE: Never believe your gift makes you spiritually superior.

2. COMPARISON: Stop measuring your grace against somebody else's grace.

3. JEALOUSY: Celebrate what God placed in someone else. Their gift does not cancel yours.

4. COMPETITION: The Body is not competing against itself. **WE ARE MEMBERS, NOT RIVALS.**

5. SELF-PROMOTION: Do not force doors open because you believe you are gifted. Let God develop you.

6. PREMATURE TITLES:

Do not become obsessed with being called Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher. **WE NEED TO SEE FUNCTION BEFORE TITLE. FRUIT BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT. FORMATION BEFORE PLATFORM.**

7. OPERATING OUTSIDE AUTHORITY: Never use revelation as justification for rebellion.

8. CONFUSING EMOTION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Everything you feel is not revelation. Everything that enters your mind is not prophecy. Everything that troubles you is not discernment. **TEST THE SPIRIT. KNOW THE WORD. DEVELOP MATURITY.**

9. REFUSING CORRECTION: A gifted person who cannot receive correction becomes dangerous.

10. NEGLECTING YOUR PRIVATE LIFE:

Public gifting cannot replace private devotion. **YOUR GIFT MAY FUNCTION FROM GRACE, BUT YOUR LIFE MUST STILL PRODUCE FRUIT.**

Galatians 5:22–23 (KJV) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Never become so impressed with **the gifts of the Spirit** that you neglect **the fruit of the Spirit**.

11. USING GIFTS TO CONTROL PEOPLE:

Never use prophecy, revelation, spiritual authority, or “God told me” to manipulate people. God’s gifts were given to serve people and not to enslave them.

12. MAKING THE GIFT YOUR IDENTITY:

You are not merely “the prophet.” You are not merely “the preacher.” You are not merely “the intercessor.” **YOUR FIRST IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST.** Your gift is what God uses through you. Christ is who you belong to.

SEVEN LAWS FOR HEALTHY SPIRITUAL OPERATION

There are spiritual laws that govern the operations and functions of our spiritual gifts and graces.

1. THE LAW OF SOURCE

The gift comes from God. Therefore, remain humble. It is **His** power, **His** Spirit and **His** Abilities.

2. THE LAW OF PURPOSE

The gift is given to benefit others and not to serve our hidden self interests. Therefore, serve the body.

3. THE LAW OF LOVE

Let love govern how you operate in your gifts. Let love rule as you manifest the gifts and graces of God.

4. THE LAW OF ORDER

The gift must operate biblically and properly. Therefore, honor protocol.

5. THE LAW OF AUTHORITY

The gift does not eliminate spiritual government. Therefore, remain submitted and accountable.

6. THE LAW OF STEWARDSHIP

The gift must be developed and faithfully used. Don’t bury what God has left in your care.

7. THE LAW OF FRUIT

The gift should produce Kingdom benefit. Therefore, examine what your ministry is producing.

FINAL CHARGE: IT IS TIME TO ARISE AND MANIFEST WHAT GOD HAS PLACED IN YOU!

There is a generation waiting on what God has deposited inside His people. This is not the hour for gifted believers to sit dormant. This is not the hour to bury your grace. This is not the hour to watch everybody else function while you refuse to develop what God placed in you.

IT IS TIME TO STIR UP THE GIFT!

2 Timothy 1:6 (KJV)

"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee..."

YOU WERE NOT GIFTED TO BE IMPRESSIVE.

YOU WERE GIFTED TO BE USEFUL.

You were not anointed for applause.

YOU WERE ANOINTED FOR ASSIGNMENT.

You were not given grace to build your name.

YOU WERE GIVEN GRACE TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM.

There are people your gift is supposed to strengthen. There are people your teaching is supposed to establish. There are people your mercy is supposed to restore. There are souls your evangelistic grace is supposed to reach. There are systems your administrative grace is supposed to bring into order. There are believers your pastoral grace is supposed to nurture. There are territories your apostolic grace is supposed to build. There are moments when your prophetic grace is supposed to bring clarity. There are resources your giving grace is supposed to release. There are battles where your faith is supposed to stand. There are places where the manifestation of the Holy Spirit through your life is supposed to make a Kingdom difference.

SO ARISE!

But arise **HUMBLE.**

Arise **HOLY.**

Arise **TEACHABLE.**

Arise **ACCOUNTABLE.**

Arise **SUBMITTED.**

Arise **TRAINED.**

Arise **DISCIPLINED.**

Arise **FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST.**

Arise **FULL OF LOVE.**

Arise **WITH CHARACTER STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY YOUR GIFT.**

And never forget:

YOUR GIFT IS NOT ABOUT YOU.

It belongs to the purpose of God. Your grace has an assignment. Your anointing has a responsibility. Your calling carries accountability. And your manifestation must ultimately point people back to **JESUS CHRIST.**

1 Peter 4:10–11 (KJV) "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

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FINAL DECLARATION

I WILL NOT BURY MY GIFT.

I WILL NOT ABUSE MY GIFT.

I WILL NOT COMPETE WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S GIFT.

I WILL NOT ALLOW PRIDE TO CORRUPT MY GIFT.

I WILL DEVELOP WHAT GOD HAS PLACED IN ME.

I WILL SUBMIT MY GIFT TO BIBLICAL ORDER.

I WILL ALLOW CHARACTER TO DEVELOP WITH MY GIFT.

I WILL SERVE THE BODY WITH MY GIFT.

I WILL HONOR THE HOUSE WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED ME.

I WILL STEWARD THE GRACE UPON MY LIFE.

**AND BY THE GRACE OF GOD, I WILL ARISE, FUNCTION, SERVE, BUILD, EQUIP, STRENGTHEN, AND
MANIFEST EVERYTHING GOD HAS ORDAINED FOR MY LIFE, FOR THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST AND
THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS KINGDOM!**

