

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## **Sermon Points**

**Week 7 - 6.4.23 | Terrell Spears**

**Title: Power, Healing, & Faith**

**Scripture: Matthew 11:1-5**

Main Point: God grants certain gifts which demonstrate the power and presence of his kingdom and his compassion for his people.

Scripture: Matthew 11:1-5 ESV - When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

## **WORKINGS OF POWER**

Definition - Manifestations of the Spirit in the lives of believers which result in visible displays of God's power that cannot be readily attributed to any natural cause and which testify to the presence of the kingdom.

In a Word - Gandalf (He shows up exactly when he means to)

Character of God on Display - Immanence

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## **GIFTS OF HEALINGS**

Definition - Manifestations of the Spirit in the lives of believers which allow them to effectively pray for the healing of various infirmities at an appointed time according to the sovereign purposes of God.

In a Word - Nurse Practitioner

Character of God on Display - Compassion

Biblical Examples:

- Jesus: Acts 2:22; Matt. 4.23-24; Luke 4:40
  - Paul: Acts 28:8-9; Acts 13.8-11; Acts 19:11-12
  - Peter: Acts 9.36-42; Acts 5.1-11
  - John: Acts 3:1-10
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## **FAITH**

Definition - Manifestation of the Spirit which produces a supernatural confidence in the presence and power and character of God resulting in a firm conviction that God will reveal divine power or mercy in a special way in a specific instance.

In a Word - Child

Character of God on display - Faithfulness

Biblical Examples:

- Daniel: Daniel 3:13 - But if not, he is still Good
  - Shadrac, Meshak, Abednego
  - Faith that moves mountains (Matt. 17.20)
  - Paul - I prayed three times...his grace is sufficient
  - Hebrews 11
  - James 5 - the prayer of faith
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## **WORKINGS OF POWER, GIFTS OF HEALING, & FAITH (Together)**

### Marks you may have these gifts:

- You often feel moved to pray for the miraculous, and are confident God will move in mighty ways
- You experience a steady peace and hope in what God is doing in the midst of difficult or seemingly hopeless situations
- Specific people in specific situations come to mind for whom you feel compelled to pray
- When you experience suffering you are able to trust God and praise him in the midst of it
- You have a strong desire to see people healed
- You encourage others to receive healing prayer
- You gravitate toward healing ministry, or desire healing to be a regular part of ministry
- You have Received a Significant Healing or miracle in your life
- You have had Trials in the area of Health
- You are Drawn to Equipping in the area of Healing, miracles and/or faith
- Others have acknowledged these gifts in you
- People have been healed through you
- Unexpected or amazing things have happened when you pray

### Goal of these gifts:

- Trust in God is heightened
- We become a less anxious people
- Mountains are moved
- People's weak and broken bodies are restored
- God is glorified in all circumstances

### Ways to use these gifts:

- Encourage others plagued by worry or anxiety - remind them of God's faithfulness
- Prayer ministry - would that people come to pray for healing
- Deliverance/healing ministry

### Ways to misuse these gifts:

- Making it about you
- Pride in the use of it
- Walk through life apathetically

- don't utilize "natural" means God provides
- Ignore the role of sin and faith in sickness and lack of the miraculous
- Overemphasize the role of sin and faith in sickness and the miraculous