

UNLEASHED: Myths

Sermon Series : Unleashed

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"Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."
" (Luke 11:13)

- Myth: Untrue story, rumor, imaginary or fictitious object or individual

Acts 8:1-21

- Prescriptive vs Descriptive:
A passage is *descriptive* if it is simply describing something that happened; a passage is *prescriptive* if it is specifically teaching that something *should* happen.
- Too many people want to leverage their Spirit gift for their own gain rather than the Kingdom's gain

Myth #1: Only Super saints and elite Christians have miraculous spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:7-11; Rom 12:5-6; 1 Pet 4:10)

Myth #2: God gave you only one gift you will ever experience (1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6; 1 Cor 12:1; Rom 1:11)

Myth #3: Because the Holy Spirit gives the gifts, I can't desire others (1 Cor 12:29-31; 14:1, 12-13)

Myth #4: I only need to function in my gifts and not worry about other ones

Myth #5: Miraculous gifts were only to authenticate the apostles or until the Bible was written (Heb 2:3-4; 1 Cor 13:8-12; 1 Jn 3:2)

Myth #6: The only gifts that God will give are the ones specifically mentioned in the Bible (cf. 1 Cor 12; Eph 4; Rom 12)

QUESTIONS

1. What are "spiritual gifts"? (*NOT: what ARE the spiritual gifts?*)
2. What is the problem with treating *descriptive* biblical passages as *prescriptive*? Can you think of examples where this happens?
3. Which of the myths do you believe (or have believed)?
4. Work through each of the myths in turn. What problems would arise if the church embraced this myth?

