

As He Wills

Intro:

Josh 5:13-6:2

God does not work for us. The Holy Spirit His plans and they are often different than ours. This might seem disconcerting but it is the most comforting thing in the world.

Problem:

Jn 12:1-6; 13:2, 27

Miracles do not make you spiritual

Main Idea:

Spiritual people are not self exalting

Spiritual gifts are not self serving

Implication:

2 Tim 3:16-21

The Holy Spirit has an aim - to exalt Christ

Spiritual gifts have an aim - to point us to Christ

We don't need a thousand different counselors and messages of hope. The Holy Spirit is not pointing us to constant breakthroughs and circumstantial deliverances He is pointing us to His Word because that is where we see Christ and we need to see Christ

Application:

Jn 14:25-27

We will not find peace staring at our corrupt electorate or our partisan warfare - we find it here in the Spirit's true work among us

Articles for further study:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/4-things-learn-judas/>

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B160725/how-does-the-spirit-work-through-scripture>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/TM13-7/a-case-for-cessationism-tom-pennington>

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Text:

Spiritual people are not self exalting

1Corinthians 12:1 ¶ Now concerning spiritual gifts (pneumatikos - spiritual ones), brothers, **I do not want you to be uninformed.**

1Corinthians 12:2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led (**imperfect , and present - you were and continue to be led**).

1Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that **no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.**

*2 cor 11:1-5, 12-15 (how to tell them apart - the Holy Spirit has an aim
which Jesus do they proclaim - who is exalted in their teaching? Me centered preaching etc)*

heb 1:1-3 (He is the full message)

Jn 1:1, 18 (He is the full revelation of God to man)

rev 1:1, 9-17 (When John was in the Spirit He was brought to the Lord - spiritual people are not self exalting - the Holy Spirit has an aim - to exalt Christ)

Spiritual gifts are not self serving

1Corinthians 12:4 ¶ Now there are varieties of gifts (charisma), but **the same Spirit;**

1Corinthians 12:5 and there are varieties of **service**, but **the same Lord;**

1Corinthians 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is **the same God** who **empowers them all in everyone.**

1Corinthians 12:7 **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

1Corinthians 12:8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1Corinthians 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

1Corinthians 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to

distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1Corinthians 12:11 **All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.**

Acts 8:4-24 (he wanted the gifts to point to himself - Spiritual gifts have an aim)

1 John 3:19-4:6 (being filled with the Spirit means using your spiritual gifts to encourage Christ's people to help them better engage Christ's Word...)

1 cor 1:4-12 (This is not a passage about the getting gifts it is a passage about the aim and use of our gifts. If you are not supernaturally healing people or speaking other languages there is nothing in this passage prescribing you to do so. If you are a Christian you have been given gifts already, and they likely look a lot different than those of the Corinthians - but whatever they look like they are meant to point us to His Word...)

1 cor 2 (What is the purpose of the gift of wisdom? To help us understand the Word)

Eph 1:15-23; 4:7-14 (what is the purpose of the gift of knowledge? To know the significance of the Word together)

Heb 11:1-3 (what is the purpose of the gift of faith? To believe the Word)

Heb 2:1-4 (what is the purpose of Healing, miracles prophecy tongues etc? To validate the Word - spiritual gifts are not self serving - they have an aim - to point to Christ)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?

- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**