

Making Disciples *As You Go*
 Lesson Nine: Basics of Mentoring
 Discerning Spiritual Gifts – Part 2

I. Introduction:

This morning we will complete our short consideration of spiritual gifts. Let us begin with our definition. A “Spiritual Gift” is a God-given enablement for ministry bestowed on the Believer at conversion for the building up of the church. These result solely from the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit.

The word “Gift” is translated from the Greek word “Charisma”. There are _____ such spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament. This morning we will consider the difference between the _____ gifts and the _____ gifts.

II. Discerning Spiritual Gifts – Part 2:

A. The Permanent Gifts:

Speaking Gifts	Service Gifts
Exhortation	Administration
Prophecy	Mercy
Teaching	Hospitality
Knowledge	Faith
Discernment	Pastor
Evangelism	Leadership
	Service / Helps
	Giving

(Please see the Spiritual Gift Survey for a more complete definition of these gifts)

These gifts are to be exercised in such a way as to bring _____ to God.

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
 (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Q. How can a believer practically make use of their spiritual gifts in such a way that ultimately gives God the glory for what gets accomplished?

Often there are _____ commands within the “One Another’s” that apply to all believers to be doing these things. Such as:

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for _____ (Galatians 5:13-14)
 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Hebrews 3:13)

Q. There are things we are all called to do that we may not be “gifted” to do. What do you think the purpose of this is in the plan of God for the church and for individual believers? How do obedience and faith work together in this context?

B. The Temporary Gifts:

The temporary gifts would include things like tongues and the interpretation of tongues, healing, and other signs and wonders that served to _____ the Word of God prior to the end of the _____ age.

³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. (Hebrews 2:3-4)

As an orthodox Baptist church we are what are known as “_____.”

➤ See 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Verse 8 tells us that prophecies will pass away; tongues will cease, and knowledge will pass away.

- The verb to “Pass away” means to reduce to _____ or to abolish. The gifts of prophecy and knowledge will one day be made inoperative. This verb is used in the _____ voice meaning someone or something will act on them to cause them to stop.
- The verb to “Cease” relating to tongues means to _____ or to come to an end. This is in the _____ voice which, when used of inanimate objects, refers to a self-causing action (i.e. the timer runs out and it comes to an end).

It should be noted that there is no mention of tongues in the book of Acts after chapter 19 when the Ephesian Believers were baptized by Paul and spoke in tongues signifying their inclusion as gentiles into the Body of Christ through Paul’s ministry. Furthermore, the book of Hebrews was written around AD 68 and the sign gifts are already written of in the past tense (see John MacArthur’s Commentary on 1 Corinthians 13:8).

III. Conclusion:

Spiritual Gifts are divine enablements given by God for the building up of the Body of Christ. The controversy surrounding some aspects of this subject has kept many Christians from fully exploring, discerning, and developing their giftedness. This only hinders the progress of the church. As disciple makers we must serve our people by not only knowing and developing our own gift mix but by helping them to do the same.

At this point in our course, I would contend that you have the basic tools to begin to make disciples within the sphere of influence God has given you. The charge is to go forth and engage with purpose and intention.

IV. Homework:

Memory Verse for the week:

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:1-2)