



Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Lesson 7: The Power Gifts – Part 2

Introduction

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

The power gifts or the gifts that help us act like God

- The gift of faith
- The gift of the working of miracles
- The gifts of healings

The power gifts demonstrate, or actively reveal, God's supernatural power. They do something. They are all miraculous gifts.

The gifts of healings and the gift of the working of miracles

There is a difference between healing and miracles.

Healing relieves the body of disease. It may not be instantaneous, but may be _____. It may not be perceivable to the senses.

Miracles are _____ and you will most likely see them. Miracles go beyond healing. For example: the lengthening of a leg.

Gifts of healings

Notice that is gift is _____

The reason for this is that there are many diseases and God has a gift to heal every disease.

Definition of the GIFTS OF HEALINGS: The manifestations of the power of God in the sphere of sickness and disease.

Purposes of healing

1. _____

Acts 10:38

2. _____

Matthew 11:2-5

Jesus referred to His miracles as proof that He was the Christ.

The devil cannot do miracles. This is why Jesus referred to the miracles that He did as proof that He was the Christ.

Important points about healing

1. It is God's will that every person be healed.

Matthew 8:1-3

2. God's will for you, as a believer, is to _____

Romans 8:11

You have the same power in you that raised Jesus from the dead.

2 Corinthians 4:10-12

The will of God for the believer is not to keep getting healed, but to live in _____

3. You do not need a special gift of healing in order to see people healed. You can pray in faith and see it done.

Mark 16:17, 18

James 5:14, 15

How do you know the difference between simply praying by faith and the gifts of healings in operation?

You may not know the difference. It really doesn't matter.

Sometimes we operate best when we are not conscious of what we are doing.

A couple of differences between praying in faith and the gifts of healings

1. If you are healed on your own by standing on God's Word it is simple faith.

The gifts of healings will always operate through a person.

2. Sometimes the gifts manifest themselves in a corporate meeting.

Meetings where all arthritis is healed or all of the deaf people are healed are examples of the gifts of healings.

How can a believer exercise these gifts?

The basis of all service to God can be wrapped up in one word – faith.

Hebrew 11:6

Romans 14:23

It could be religious activity, prayer, etc. But if it is not by faith it is not acceptable to God.

Faith comes into our lives when we hear the _____

Romans 10:17

Many people read the Bible or listen to a sermon. The Word of God is there but they don't "hear" it.

Faith does not come until we "hear" the Word.

You cannot receive faith until you lay down previous teaching and men's ideas and listen to what God says in His Word.

One of the most important things we can do in our Christian life is to cultivate our ability to hear God's Word.

What does this have to do with operating in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit? – You must build your faith in the specific area of the gifts of the Spirit.

Truths from God's Word that will build your faith to exercise the Gifts of the Spirit

1. The supreme purpose of the gifts is to glorify God.

1 Peter 4:10, 11

Each believer has a gift.

It brings _____ when we operate in the gifts He has given to us.

When we hide the gift God has given us it does not bring Him glory.

2. When we exercise the gifts we build up the church – other believers.

1 Corinthians 14:4, 5

1 Corinthians 14:12

1 Corinthians 14:26

When I fail to exercise the gift that God has given to me, not only do I rob myself, I am robbing others of their blessing.

3. If we love God, we will desire to receive and operate in His gifts.

Example: Mother bakes a birthday cake for her daughter. Little girl says, “Mommy I love you but I don’t want your cake.”

“God, I love you but I don’t want your gifts.”

Luke 11:13

James 1:16, 17

4. When the gifts operate people know that Jesus is alive!

Some argue that the gifts of the Spirit ended with the apostles.

Acts 2:17, 18

In the last days the supernatural doesn’t decrease – it increases.

1 Timothy 4:1

Why would God decrease the power available to us while Satan increases his power? It doesn’t make logical sense.

5. _____

Mark 16:15-20

You cannot follow a parked car.

Signs follow those who are doing something. You don't need the gifts to sit in church.

We have an _____ to present the Gospel with the _____

6. Discover your function in your church.

Matthew 5:15

The lamp represents the _____

The lampstand represents _____

You must be a part of a church that believes in the gifts in order to operate in them.

This also shows the importance of exercising the gifts within the local church.

Romans 12:4-8

The first thing to do is not to discover what gifts you have, but rather your function.

God has a specific function for you in the Body of Christ. Don't get frustrated trying to be something you are not.

Example – My hand has no problem being a hand. It would be a problem if I tried to make it a foot.

When Christians are frustrated and continually struggling they are advertising the fact that they are not fulfilling their divinely appointed function.

Once you start operating in your function, you will have the faith to operate in the gifts within that function.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit can be released into your life through prayer

Acts 4:29-31

The early church was being persecuted because they preached the Gospel with signs, wonders, and miracles.

In other words they were praying, "God, give us more of the same thing that got us into trouble in the first place."

These were the same people from Acts 2. So what happened in Acts 4 if they were already baptized in the Holy Spirit? – There was a release of the gifts of the Spirit from God! Specifically the power gifts were released.