

“Built Together Part 8 - Spiritual Gifts continued” (10-15-23)

Series Review: Living in Community - Worship, Connected, Joy, Healing, rooted in Love

Key Verse: Eph. 2:22 - “In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

New Section: Built up by the Spirit (God-given gifts and abilities are used in love to build up His Church)

Review: The Gifts are for **Today**, & we use them in **Love** by walking in the Fruit of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:1-11)

- God desires that we not be ignorant, lack understanding or ignore His Gifts for us
- His desire is that the diversity of gifts be available to all as needed to benefit the whole body

The Gifts covered last week

- o Prophecy, Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, the Role of a Prophet
- o Serving and Helps
- o Teaching, Exhortation, and the Role of a Teacher

Today: Continue unwrapping the Spiritual Gifts – The Father gives good gifts (Toy Story - sheets)

The Primary Passages on Spiritual Gifts: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28, Ephesians 4:11-12

The Gifts Continued (8 more today) . . .

- **Giving** (Metadidomi G3330) – Romans 12:8
 - o **Meaning:** To give, to share with someone, to impart, communicate. One who distributes alms, an officer of the church (benevolence ministry). This gift is to be done with generosity – liberally, sincerely, bountifully, with no ulterior motive, without hypocrisy.
 - o **Examples:** Practical gift (cloak – Luke 3:11), Spiritual gift (Paul – Romans 1:11), Financial Gift (Ephesians 4:28), Our hearts in genuine loving relationship (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

Ephesians 4:28 (ESV)

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

- **Leadership** (Proistemi G4291) – Romans 12:8
 - o **Meaning:** To superintend, preside or rule over, to be a protector or guardian, to give aid, to care for, give attention to. We are called to lead with care, diligence, and effort.
 - o **Examples:** Rule your own life well (Titus 3:8,14), your family well (1 Timothy 3:4,12), leadership in the church (1 Timothy 3 – elders & deacons), and we are also called to know our leaders & think highly of and value those who lead us spiritually (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- **Administration** (Kubernesis G2941) – 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - o **Meaning:** Steer, Govern, Guide. From a root word meaning: Captain or Pilot
 - o **Example:** Acts 27:11 – Title used of the captain of a ship that Paul was a prisoner on as he sailed to Rome. Ultimately ended in a shipwreck, but everyone was saved by Paul’s prediction and following his direction - the centurion in charge ultimately implemented Paul’s plan.

Example: Compare/Contrast **Leadership vs. Management** (“Endurance”: Shackleton & Worsley)

- **Mercy** (Eleeo G1653) – Romans 12:8
 - **Meaning:** To show mercy, to show compassion, to help one afflicted or seeking aid, to extend help for the consequence of sin, as opposed to being hardened. To have compassion or mercy on a person in unhappy circumstances. Not merely a feeling for the misfortunes of others involving sympathy or pity, but also **an active desire to remove those miseries**.
 - **Examples:** Matthew 5:7 – blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy. People who were sick or demon possessed regularly called out to Jesus for mercy, also used often to speak of God’s mercy upon sinners in receiving salvation. **Most often this is used to describe God’s merciful heart and actions towards people who are un-deserving.**

- **Faith** (Pistis G4102) – 1 Corinthians 12:9
 - **Meaning:** *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; *constancy* in that profession. Assurance, belief, faith, fidelity. To have a firm persuasion, conviction, belief in the truth. Belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence). Fidelity, faithfulness, the character of one who can be relied on. I believe, hold firm in my belief, and therefore walk faithfully.
 - **Examples:** (Matt. 8:10/Luke 7:9) faith of the centurion, (Matt 9:22) woman with issue of blood, (Mark 2:5) the men who lower friend through roof, (Romans 1:17) The just shall live by faith.

Mark 2:3-5, 11-12 (ESV)

(3) And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. (4) And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. (5) And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” . . . (11) “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” (12) And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

- **Healing** (iama G2386) – 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

Note: Only 3 occurrences of this word in NT, all in this passage (as a noun: “gifts of healings”), but the root is from (G2390 – iaomai which is a verb)

- **Meaning:** (iama) - a cure, healing, a means of healing, remedy, or medicine, a healing or cure, the result of the process of healing. (iaomai) – to heal, make whole, To heal, cure, restore to bodily health. Metaphorically, of moral diseases, to heal or save from the consequences of sin.
- **Examples:** Physical healings by Jesus & the disciples (Luke 6:18, Acts 3:11), demonic oppression (Luke 9:42), Consider the implications of Dr. Luke focusing on these! Also includes spiritual healing (James 5:16). Ultimately, Jesus healed us of our sinful condition on the cross.

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

(Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

- **Miracles** (working: energema - G1755 / miracles: dunamis – G1411) – 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28
 - **Working** / Energema
 - Meaning: Operation, effect, working (the idea is being “energized” by God’s Grace), same word as a verb: energo - G1754: to be at work, active, effective, mighty.
 - Examples: (1 Cor. 12:6) various activities, same God working in all. (Gal. 5:6) all that counts is faith working through love, (James 5:16) effectual fervent prayer avails much.
 - **Miracles** / Dunamis
 - Meaning: Most often translated “power” (71) – also: mighty, miracles, strength. Miraculous power, might, strength, force, ability. To be able or capable.
 - Examples: (Luke 1:35) the power of the Holy Spirit that caused Mary to become pregnant with Jesus – **it was the how to her humble yes!** (Luke 4:14) after his temptation Jesus returns in the power of the Spirit, (Luke 8:46) power goes out of Jesus to heal the woman with the issue of blood, (Luke 9:1) Jesus gives power to his disciples to heal the sick & cast out devils, (Acts 1:8) Jesus promises the receiving of power from the Holy Spirit, (Romans 1:16) the gospel is the power of God for salvation, (Romans 15:13) Our joy, peace, & hope are by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Luke 1:34-38 (ESV)

(34) And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (35) And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the **power** of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. (36) And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. (37) For nothing will be impossible with God.” (38) And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

- **Examples: Energeo & Dunamis together:** (Matt. 14:2) worked in Jesus, (Ephesians 3:20) works in the life of a believer to understand the depth of the love of God, (Col. 1:28-29) works in Paul to bring others to full understanding of the gospel of Jesus.
- **Distinguish** between spirits (distinguish: diakrisis – G1253 / spirits: pneuma – G4151) – 1 Cor. 12:10
 - Meaning: **Distinguish** / Diakrisis (noun) & diakrino (verb) - discern, distinguish, judge, decide, separate or make a distinction.
 - Meaning: **Spirits** / Pneuma - wind, spirit, breath, essence, the disposition or influence that governs the soul.
 - Examples of Discernment: (Heb 5:14) maturing in the faith, eating meat and no longer milk, and having discernment, (1 Cor. 11:31) self examination, (1 Cor. 14:29) discern prophecy.
 - **The negative side of discernment is doubt.** When misapplied we can miss out on what God has for us! (James 1:6) ask in faith not doubting, (Matt 21:21) Jesus says we can move mountains, (Romans 4:16-23) Abraham believed the promise of Isaac even at his old age.

*There is no spiritual gift of skepticism - (heresy hunters unite!)

To Be Continued: Roles of leadership in the church, and handling Tongues & Prophecy in the church

Conclusion: Let’s not be ignorant of these gifts, but open to the Spirit of God to use us as He chooses to walk in His Power, motivated by His Love, in order to Build Up and encourage others!