

The Holy Spirit Gives GIFTS ~ 1 Corinthians 12:7-18

→ Scripture Reading- Rom. 8.12-13. 1 Cor. 12.4-6, 7, 11, 1 Pet. 4.10

INTRODUCTION

Spiritual Maturity - Becoming like Jesus

EFFORT
Diligence
Self-Discipline



REST
Dependence
Surrender

Life BY the Spirit is neither LEGALISM nor LICENSE... It is a life of FAITH and LOVE that is above all of these false ways. Being LED BY the Spirit does not imply PASSIVITY but rather the need to allow oneself to be led. Expositor's

BAPTISM 1 Cor. 12.13

>occurs when we BELIEVE in Christ
>occurs ONCE in each Believer's life
>Cannot be UNDONE
>Results in a **POSITION**

FILLING Eph. 5.18

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>occurs ALL THROUGH a Christians life
>is a REPEATED experience
>Can be LOST)
>Results in **POWER**

→ FILLING of the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, BE FILLED with the Spirit.

On-Going Work IN BELIEVERS ~ Romans 8:12-13

1- EMPOWERING of the Spirit

Romans 8:12-13 (NIV) Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation - but it is NOT to the sinful nature, to live according to it. [13] For if you live according to the sinful nature, you WILL DIE; but if BY the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live...

A **sinful** life style results in death. NOT that a believer who sins will face eternal death in hell; instead, it means he will NOT ENJOY a close INTIMATE walk with Jesus Christ. BKC

→ If we Give in to our SIN NATURE - we turn OUR BACK on the Help of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV) Those who belong to Christ Jesus have CRUCIFIED the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live BY the Spirit, let us keep IN STEP with the Spirit.

2- TEACHING of the Spirit

John 14:26 (NIV) But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will TEACH you all things and will REMIND you of everything I have said to you.

3- ASSURANCE of the Spirit

Romans 8:15-16 (NIV) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

4- The GIFTS of the Spirit (A Spiritual Gift is a God-given special ability for SERVICE. Ryrie)

1 Corinthians 12:7, 11 (NIV) Now to EACH ONE the manifestation of the Spirit is given FOR the COMMON good. ...[11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He DETERMINES.

1 Corinthians 12:12,18 (NLT) The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So IT IS with the BODY of Christ. ...[18] But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where HE wants it.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each one should use whatever GIFT he has RECEIVED to SERVE OTHERS, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Spiritual Gifts are GIVEN...

- to EACH believer - 1 Cor. 12.7
- for the GOOD of OTHERS - 1 Cor. 12.7
- according to His PLAN and PURPOSE - 1 Cor. 12.11
- to encourage UNITY- 1 Cor. 12.13
- and VARIETY- 1 Cor. 12.18
- for the PURPOSES of SERVING others - 1 Pet. 4.10

Basics for Discovering Spiritual Gifts

- be GROWING
- be SERVING
- be PATIENT

IMPLICATIONS

- ➔ As a believer I have a Spiritual Gift(s) - I should USE to SERVE others
- ➔ There is DANGER when we become ENAMORED of our Gifts
- ➔ There is DANGER in COMPARING Gifts

TAKE AWAY??

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV) So I say, LIVE by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are LED by the Spirit, you are not under law.

➔ **Spiritual Growth IS** a prolonged, daily, never-ending process

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