

The Supernatural Grace of Doma Gifts Pt 3!

Ephesians 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

- The word **gifts** in this verse is the Greek word “*doma*” it refers to the nature, character and essence of the gift among other things.

Doma reveals what the gift is by nature and what the gift does!

Doma gifts are the persons themselves.

When we receive them, we are allowing a part of God into our lives!

Mat 10:40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

ESV Ephesians 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Doma gifts can **only** come from Jesus Christ, not seminaries, Bible Colleges or Denominations.

Let's look at a couple key words used to describe what they do:

Equip to outfit, load, provide what's necessary!

Build to construct a fortified and protected place.

- **Doma** also means “*home, or house builder*” where the word **domicile** comes from.

The Five-fold **doma** gifts are given by Christ to **build His House** and **equip God's Spiritual Family!**

We must understand that a **spiritual gift** is not a title, or position, it is an anointing, and a capacity to serve God.

Every building in modern industrialized countries must follow and meet building codes to ensure their safety.

Anyone can't just build a building for public use without following strict building codes.

It's the same in The Kingdom of God!

ESV 1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a **skilled master builder** I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

KJV Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

The foundation is Christ, what goes up after the foundation is laid is the responsibility of the **Doma Gifts**.

They build spiritual houses, not a natural, cultural or personal house!

They must use spiritual materials for it to be a spiritual house, those materials must come from The Word of God and The Spirit of God!

ESV 1 Peter 2:5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

It is the **doma gifts** who write The Word on the hearts of people!

Korah in Psalm 45:1c says this *“my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”*

As **doma gifts** declare The Word of The LORD it is being written on our hearts.

- **Doma gifts impart anointings and bestow spiritual gifts!**

KJV Romans 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established (strengthened).

Somewhere along the line the **pastor** became the person who visits the sick, baptizes, marries every member, buries every member, gives communion to the shut-in, blesses all the babies, counsels, attends retirement parties, sits of boards, goes to city counsel meetings, does conferences every year and provides fun activities for the church.

Counts the money, deposits the money in the bank, keeps the books, answer the phone, keep the church calendar, clean the church, order supplies, pays the bills, do the announcements. **Yawl tired yet?**

Participates in marches against injustice, visits jails, pays members bills, gets people to vote, starts business fellowships, speaks to judges on peoples behalf.

If a pastor is doing all of this, I guarantee you he isn't praying enough and spending enough time in The Word.

So, they can barely **build or equip** The members of The Church.

Pastor Stats from The Barna Research Group 2017

- More than half sense their calling between ages 14 and 21!
- 85% attended church as a child.
- 8 of 10 were part of a youth group.
- Today 1 in 3 pastors risk burnout.
- 43% of pastors are having relationship problems (home, church, friends and family)
- 1 in 5 pastors struggle with some type of addiction.

From The Aquila Internet Report 2018

- 70% of pastors constantly fight depression.
- 50% feel so discouraged that they would leave their ministry if they could but can't find another job.

Today pastors are doing the unthinkable, committing suicide!

Top 3 Most Challenging Aspects of Being a Pastor Today

- Juggling the demands of the people.
- Competing for people's time.
- Apathetic and Uncommitted Christians

Without having a biblical understanding of **who and what a Doma gift** is your connection with them will be natural and not spiritual!

I'm afraid the world and pressure from people have gotten us away from the Biblical understanding of **Doma** gifts.

This was established from the very beginning! In **Acts chp 6:1-4**

It was determined the **doma gifts** (the apostles) would select people to help the believers with their everyday concerns, but they would **only** concern themselves with **The Word of God and prayer**.

Notice what happened after **deacons** were put in place to help the people with their daily challenges.

ESV Acts 6:7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The Word increased or God increased among the people—because the number of disciples multiplied, and the greatest thing was the priests **(those who opposed the gospel)** were converted!

Satan (the god of this world) has been twisting (perverting) everything thing he can get his hands on, gender roles, government, marriage, childbirth and even the roles of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher.

- All true Doma's are personally trained by Jesus Christ!

Paul wasn't among the original 12, but Jesus appeared to him personally, talked and trained Paul taking him to heaven.

Today people want **famous pastors** or pastors who have **famous friends!**

They tout, my pastor knows so and so, or this famous person comes to our church!

The real question is, does your pastor spend time with Jesus, does he know Jesus and Jesus know him, train him and anoint him?

GWN Acts 4:13 After they found out that Peter and John had no education or special training, they were surprised to see how boldly they spoke. They realized that these men had been with Jesus.

Can you tell I've been with Jesus?

That's all that matters, not who I know, what I've accomplished, if you like my personality or if I can prophecy or do miracles!

GWN Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the person who does what my Father in heaven wants.

22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

*23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

I never called you, appointed you, trained you or anointed you!

You are not a Doma gift, I never gave you to the church!