

The Things of The Spirit Part 2!

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

The words *spiritual gifts* here is literally interpreted “**spiritual things**”!

Paul mentions three characteristics about **spiritual things**: (1Cor 12:5-7)

➤ Administration, Operation and Manifestation of The Spirit!

I like to say it this way, The Father **administers**, The Son **operates**, and The Holy Spirit **manifests** the spiritual things of God.

In **Genesis** God the Father administers (executes the command) let there be, Jesus The Word went forth in operation and The Holy Spirit brought the manifestation—light became.

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

There are spiritual (grace) gifts God The Father gives, God The Son gives and God The holy Spirit gives which are different in kind, operation and effect.

The Father has gifted every believer with a grace gift that benefit the church at large not a particular group!

The gifts The Father gives are **general, common and universal**, meaning everyone has one or more of these gifts!

ESV Romans 12:6-9 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith;

7 if **service**, in our serving; the one who **teaches**, in his teaching;

8 the one who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; the one who **contributes**, in generosity; the one who **leads**, with zeal; the one who does acts of **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be genuine. **Abhor what is evil**; hold fast to what is good.

Notice the last statement let **love be genuine, abhor evil and cling to good!**

With the grace to operate in the spiritual gifts also comes the grace to operate in love, live right, love good and hate evil!

Every believer has the grace gift, calling and anointing to operate in love as a servant, teacher to their children, neighbors and coworkers, every believer can exhort and encourage people—be generous and show love!

Unfortunately, folks would rather be known for a dynamic supernatural gift rather than be known for the love of God operating in their lives.

Believers don't need an ordination, anointing or elevation service to be recognized and officially operate in Romans 12 (grace) gifts!

Again, they are **general, common and universal** everyone has them!

They are part of our spiritual inheritance given by our Heavenly Father!

ESV Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

God our heavenly Father is a good, good Father!

Many have overlooked and forsaken these **gifts** for the more **public gifts!**

The **gifts** that seem to have the most **profit and prestige!**

KJV 1 Corinthians 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual (things) gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

It seems many have forgotten what Paul said—it's not about what builds the person up, it's about what builds up the church!

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit (evidence of The Holy Spirits presence) is given to every man to profit withal.

- ❖ Every believer is given the gifts mentioned in **Rom 12** as the evidence of The Holy Spirits presence in **the earth** and as the foundation for Kingdom life on earth.

The **spiritual gifts** Christ gives are foundational to **the church** meaning they are limited and specific to people Christ chooses!

KJV Ephesians 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

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

Christ gave **the church** (His bride) these gifts in response to His ascension to The Father!

KJV John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Jesus sent the church **The Holy Spirit and The Five-fold** ministry gifts to comfort and build up His church!

*KJV Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

The spiritual gifts of the Father in **Rom 12** are general, common and universal; these spiritual or grace gifts are **limited and specific!**

Sense they are so limited and specific they are recognized, acknowledged and operate differently....and might I add should be appreciated differently!

- **The five-fold spiritual gifts are a part of the government of God for the church—they are not just preachers of the gospel!**

The **gifting, calling and anointing** of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher are significantly different than other spiritual gifts mentioned in **Rom 12**.

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;

KJV 1 Corinthians 9:11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

It is the responsibility of the Five-fold gifts to impart spiritual things and the responsibility of the people of God to impart or share their carnal earthly things.

[There is great responsibility that accompanies these grace gifts!](#)

It is only by the impartation of spiritual things we are made **strong!**

LUKE 12:48b For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Every five-fold ministry gift **must**, I stress **must** be able to teach The Word of God and be able to instruct God's people!

Because we are responsible for maturing the church **spiritually** we depend heavily on The Holy Spirit!

Today because people desire comfort and pleasures more than ever many **pastors** have been pressured into giving the people **natural things** rather than **spiritual things**!

So, the church in many places is less spiritual and influential than we could be!