

LESSON 17

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT PART 1

Required Bible Reading:

1 Corinthians chapter 12

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:5-8

Ephesians 3:19-20

Ephesians 5:20

In this lesson we will turn our attention toward the *gifts* of the Holy Spirit as opposed to the fruit of the re-born human spirit that we studied in our last lesson. This lesson will serve as an overview and introduction to this subject with more detailed studies to follow.

We have already studied in Lesson 3, the truth and the importance of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have also seen the place and the importance of praying in tongues, to the life of the believer, in the early New Testament Church, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (or filled with the Spirit).

THE TWO EXPERIENCES CONTRASTED

The Holy Spirit lives inside the believer to help him and cause him to bear fruit in his life. But there is more of the Holy Spirit to receive and experience. There are two groups of nine mentioned and outlined in scripture in connection with the Holy Spirit in the life of the born-again Christian. We studied the first group in our last lesson.

1. **The nine fruit** of the Spirit, which are a result of the Holy Spirit's *indwelling presence*. These nine fruit are manifested in and through the life of the believer because of the life and nature of God in him.. They are the fruit of a re-created human spirit. **Galatians 5:22-23**

2. **The nine gifts** of the Spirit, which are a result of the Holy Spirit's *infilling power*. These nine gifts are a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power and work. The gateway to these is the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking with tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit or the born-again experience is for fruit bearing. The infilling of the Holy Spirit or the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for service. Fruit must be cultivated, or grown, gifts are given.

There is so much more of the Holy Spirit that is available to the believer through the baptism in the Spirit. In the same way that the born-again experience and having the Holy Spirit live in you is the entrance into the nine fruit of the Spirit; so being filled with the Spirit is the doorway into the nine supernatural manifestations or gifts of the Spirit. There is no other way to get into this supernatural arena than the baptism of the Holy Spirit and then spending time praying in the Spirit. Every Spirit filled believer has available to him and in him, all the power of the Godhead to put him over in life and to set the captives free.

Now these nine gifts of the Spirit are listed in **1 Corinthians chapter 12**. These nine gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit are divided also as follows.

Three Revelation Gifts – The gifts that reveal something:

- The Word of Wisdom
- The Word of Knowledge
- The Discerning of Spirits

Three Power Gifts – The gifts that do something:

- The Gifts of Faith
- The Working of Miracles
- The Gifts of Healing

Three Utterance or Inspirational Gifts – The gifts that say something:

- Prophecy
- Divers Kinds of Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

The Holy Spirit through Paul said, in verse 1, “*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.*” If God did not want these people to be ignorant on this subject then I believe that goes the same for us today. Therefore we will spend some time to gain an understanding here.

These nine gifts of the Spirit are the equipment for those called into the ministry such as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors, and Teachers. But they are also available to any believer filled with the Holy Spirit.

Some other important things to take note of here in this chapter

1. **Verse 3** – *Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.* If a gift of the Holy Spirit is in manifestation then Jesus Christ will be glorified. These gifts will not lift up or puff up man. They will help people, but Jesus’ Lordship will be magnified.

2. **Verse 7** – *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.* These gifts are to profit the Church or the whole body of believers. God is interested in helping people, these gifts have a purpose.

3. **Verse 7** – *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.* These gifts or manifestations are of and by the Holy Spirit therefore they are supernatural. These are not natural gifts and abilities as some men would teach. All of them are supernatural, if one is natural then they all are, if one is supernatural then they all are.

4. **Verse 11** – *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.* These gifts are manifested as the Spirit wills. They are not gifts in the sense that the believer owns and operates them whenever he wants to. They are used or manifested through an individual as the Spirit of God desires. Many people try to operate a gift of the Spirit themselves without any unction from the Holy Spirit. This causes much harm and individuals who continue to try and do such things will eventually get into trouble, because they open themselves up to satanic deception.

5. **Verse 31**– *But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.* We are however instructed to desire the best gifts. I would say that the Holy Spirit is instructing us to desire Him to work through us as He wills the gift or manifestation that would best help at any given time. The best gift is the one we need for whatever situation we are in.

In our next lesson, we will study the gifts themselves to gain a greater understanding of each.

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TEST-LESSON 17 THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT PART 1

1. In the scriptures there are two groups of nine in connection with the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. What are they?

List them _____

2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit is for fruit bearing.

3. The infilling power of the Holy Spirit is for _____.

4. Who will Spiritual gifts exalt? _____.

5. What is the best Spiritual gift? _____

6. What is the doorway into the gifts of the Spirit? _____

7. What three gifts say something?

True or False

8. God doesn't care if we understand about the gifts of the Spirit or not? ___T ___F

9. The gifts of the Spirit are owned and possessed by a Spirit-filled believer and can be operated anytime he wants. ___T ___F

10. Every spirit-filled believer has available to him (and in him) all the power of the Godhead to put him over in life and to set the captives free. ___T ___F