**Person & Work of the Holy Spirit Lecture Series**

**Week 6: Tuesday May 15, 2018**

**Session 6 A:**

***‘The Manifestation Gifts of the HS (Contd.) - Part 1’***

**Review:**

* God expects us to desire…pray…for the gifts. **1 Cor 14:1,13,39**
* Gifts are given, not earned. (We qualify as sons.) **Luke 11:11-13**

**Paul’s focus on the gifts:**

* **Chapter 12: explanation** of the gifts & correction of **misuse.**
* **Chapter 13: ‘Love’** emphasis- exercise of gifts should convey love.
* **Chapter 14: Exercising** the gifts -especially public tongues.

**Categories of Gifts:**

* **Revelation gifts: ‘**word’ of wisdom / ‘word’ of knowledge / discerning of spirits

– ‘show something.’

* **Utterance gifts:** prophecy / tongues / interpretation of tongues

– ‘say something.’

* **Power gifts:** miracles / gifts of healings / ‘special’ faith

– ‘do something. ‘

**1 Corinthians 14 The public ‘manifestation’ of the gifts**

Vs 1 *‘Especially that you prophesy’* - church meeting context.

Vs 2-33 Prophecy / tongues & interpretation contrasted.

How to administrate this ‘public’ aspect.

FYI Devotional tongues’ or ‘prayer language’ is distinct & beneficial:

1. Personal edification (1 Cor 14:4 / Jude 20),

2. Intercession with HS’s help (1 Cor 14:14 / Rom 8:26)

3. For worship 1 Cor 14:15).

Vs 5 *‘I wish you all speak with tongues’* – ministry tongues.

Vs 6 Prophecy where everyone can understand & benefit from it.

(Vs3) This prophecy is for the group’s edification, exhortation & comfort:

Vs 7-9 Musical illustration (think of an orchestra warming up).

Vs 13 If you speak in public in tongues, be open to interpret.

Vs 14 Spirit is praying (Not by human understanding).

Vs 15 *‘I will…I will’* where our human will is involved. (God doesn’t force).

Vs 16 *‘If you bless’* the manifestation of the Spirit is to a bless.

Vs 18 *‘I speak with tongues more that you all’* – his private devotion.

Vs 21 Gives Old Testament foundation.

Vs 22-25 Tongues, prophecy, believers and unbelievers in a meeting.

Vs 26 Regularity of gifts manifest through all believers.

Vs 27-33 Practicalities of exercising tongues & prophecy.

**Session 6 B – Week 6**

***‘The Manifestation Gifts of the HS (Contd.)- Part 2’***

**Definitions of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**A. Gifts that ‘see’ something**

**1.Word of knowledge**:

*Is a revelation by the Holy Spirit giving a piece of God’s knowledge or information concerning people and situations in the present. It is God’s diagnosis of a problem, a sickness or any other situation in the present which is humanly impossible to know about.*

1. Not *natural knowledge* through study, reading, observation or experience.
2. It is not *Intellectual ability* or *education*.
3. It is knowledge that *surpasses the natural senses.*
4. Always relates to situations in the *present* or *past,* but not the future.

**2. Word of wisdom**:

*Reveals a portion of the mind of God concerning people, places or things pertaining to the future. Through this supernatural gift God lets us know how He wants us to deal with a specific situation as it arises in the future.*

1. Nothing to do with *being wise or having* *human academic ability*.
2. Always pertains to situations in the *Future* & not the present or past.

**3. Discerning of spirits**:

*Is the supernatural ability to see into the spirit world - by this insight the believer can see angels, demons and also discern the condition of the human spirit - good or bad.*

*(To discern means to distinguish, perceive or differentiate. The gift of Discerning of Spirits is the God-given ability or enablement to recognize the identity (and very often the personality and condition) of the spirits which are behind different manifestations or activities).*

1. It is not the gift of *discernment*.
2. It is not the gift of s*uspicion* or s*peculation*.
3. It is not *fault finding* or *judging* others.
4. It is not *discerning of character*.

**B. Gifts that ‘say’ something:**

**1.Gift of tongues** –

*Is a supernatural utterance given by any Spirit-filled Christian proclaiming in a public meeting {church service, prayer meeting} a message from God in a language unknown and not understood by the person giving it.*

*(This gift is always used in conjunction with the Gift of Interpretation).*

* It is not languages *learned in school or college*.
* It has nothing to do with the *mind or Intellect of man*.
* It is not the sign of speaking in tongues as the *initial evidence* that the believer has been baptized in the Holy Spirit.
* It is not the tongues used in private prayer, intercession or worship- the *prayer language* of the spirit.

**2. Gift of interpretation of tongues** –

*Is the supernatural unfolding by the Holy Spirit, through the believer of the meaning of a message in Tongues delivered in a public assembly so that the church can be encouraged and built up.*

Understand that there are ***Three Levels*** or ***Categories*** of Tongues.

Level 1: Tongues spoken as the ***initial Bible evidence*** you have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit {Acts 2:4}.

Level 2: Tongues {***Prayer Language***} for personal use in prayer, praise and self-edification. {Jude 20}

Level 3: Tongues given in the congregation ***accompanied with Interpretation*** to bless and edify the Church{1Cor. 12:10}

* It is not **translation** of Tongues, therefore the Tongues may be shorter or longer then the interpretation.
* A translation is usually word for word, whereas Interpretation of Tongues is the sense and meaning of the message of Tongues delivered to a congregation.
* The gift of Tongues plus Interpretation of Tongues are together equal to the gift of prophecy.

**3. Gift of prophecy –**

*To “speak forth” or declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God which is designed to influence people.*

* It is not inspired preaching or proclaiming.

**C. Gifts that ‘do’ something:**

**1.Working of miracles** –

Involves the s*uspension of natural laws* in the ordinary course of nature.

**2. Gifts of healings** *–*

*The supernatural impartation of God’s healing power through you to cure disease and heal the sick instantly - in particular, being anointed to minister healing for specific kinds of sickness.*

**3. Gift of faith** -

*The special gift whereby the Spirit provides a Christian with extraordinary confidence in God’s promises, power, and presence so they can take heroic stands for the future of God’s work in the church.*

**Examples:**

**Old Testament gifts:**

* Elijah encouraged with a word of knowledge.  **1 Kings 19:14,19**
* Elisha predicts the future with a word of wisdom. **2 Kings 7:1**
* Elijah works amiracle for someone else: the widow. **1 Kings 17:12-16**
* The gifts of healings. Elisha & Naaman the Syrian. **2 Kings 5:10**
* Ezekiel and the gift of prophecy. **Ezekiel 6:1 / 7:1**
* Elisha and discerning of spirits. **2 Kings 6:17**
* Daniel receives protection for himself: the gift of faith. **Daniel 6:16-23**

**In Jesus ministry:**

**Note:** Jesus was anointed by God to serve under the OT. **Acts 10:38**

HHHHe gave up ’His omni-science, presence, & potence. **Philip 2:6-8**

Miracles began only after His anointing. **John 2:11**

* Word of knowledge. Woman at well. **John 4:1-16**
* Word of wisdom. Disciples denial. **Matt 26:31-34**
* Working of miracles. Jesus stills the storm. **Mark 4:39**
* Gifts of healings. Variety. **Matt 4:23**
* Gift of prophecy. Foretelling end times. **Matt 24:3-6**
* Discerning of spirits. Moses and Elijah on the Mt. **Matt 17: 1-3**
* Gift of special faith. Walking on the water. **Mark 6:48**

**In disciples’ ministry:**

* Word of knowledge. Ananias and Saul. **Acts 9:10-12**
* Word of wisdom. Agabus and the coming famine. **Acts 11:28-30**
* Gift of working of miracles. Peter raises Dorcas. **Acts 9:36-41**
* Gifts of healings. Philip in Samaria. **Acts 8:5-8**
* Gift of prophecy. (Agabus: revelation about Paul). **Acts 21:10-11**
* Discerning of spirits. Paul and woman with a demon. **Acts 16:16-18**
* Gift of ‘special’ faith. **Acts 27:21-26**
* Tongues and interpretation. @ Antioch Church. **Acts 13:1-2**

**Conclusion:**

***Peter’s exhortation / encouragement:***

**1 Peter 4:7-11**

***7****But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

***8****And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”*

***9****Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.*

***10****As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

***11****If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

## **My Attitude Towards The Gifts**

1. Worth ***Knowing About***  {1 Cor.12:1}

- I must get knowledge about the gift.

2. To be ***Earnestly Desired*** {1 Cor.12:3}

- I must set my heart on and covet the gifts.

3. To be ***Wished For*** {1 Cor.14:5}

- I must hunger for the gifts.

4. To be ***Zealous For*** {1 Cor.12:4}

- I must be eager for the gifts.

5. To ***Seek For*** {1 Cor.14:12}

- I must follow after the gifts.

6. To ***Excel In*** {1Cor. 14:12}

- I must abound in the gifts.

7. To ***Pray For*** {1 Cor.14:13}

- I must look to the Lord for the gifts.

8. To ***Make A Decision For*** {1 Cor.14:15}

- I must set my will on the gifts.

9. To be ***Thankful For*** {1 Cor.14:18}

- I must appreciate the gifts.

10. To be ***Allowed*** {1 Cor.14:29}

-I must permit the gifts to operate.

11. Should ***Not Be Forbidden*** {1 Cor.14: 39}

- I must not stop or hinder the gifts.