



Lesson Eleven

“Discovering My Spiritual Gifts - Two”

Objective: To discover our own spiritual gifts and provide a Scriptural understanding of these gifts and ministries set in the Body of Christ in order to have a productive and effective church.

G. _____

The gift of faith may be defined as the special gift whereby the Spirit provides Christians 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. The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, and His promises.

Examples of people with the gift of faith are those listed in Hebrews chapter 11. This chapter, often called “the hall of faith,” describes those whose faith was extraordinary, enabling them to do extraordinary, superhuman things.

Hebrews 11:1-35

1. We are all called to _____ by faith.

2 Cor 5:7-8 NKJV *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

2. We are all saved by grace _____ faith.

Eph 2:8-9 NKJV *For by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

3. We all have been given a _____ of faith.

Rom 12:3 AMP *For by the grace (unmerited favor of God) given to me I warn everyone among you not to estimate and think of himself more highly than he ought [not to have an exaggerated opinion of his own importance], but to **rate his ability** with sober judgment, each according **to the degree of faith apportioned by God to him.***

Rom 12:3 NKJV *...as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

The measure of faith you receive is in proportion to the calling on your life.

We all use our faith to walk with God, but the “gift of faith” goes beyond that. It is a spiritual gift or endowment given by the Holy Spirit for specific situations to help us be

victorious in seemingly impossible situations. God is glorified in these situations where through our faith He and we prevail!

1 Cor 12:7-11 NIV *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 **to another faith by the same Spirit**, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

As with all spiritual gifts, the gift of faith is given to some Christians who then use it to edify others in the body of Christ. Those with the gift of faith are an inspiration to their fellow believers, exhibiting a simple confidence in God that shows in all they say and do. Extraordinarily faithful people show a humble godliness and reliance on God's promises, often so much so that they are known to be quietly fearless and zealous.

So to sum it up, God gives all Christians saving faith. The spiritual **gift of faith** is given to some, who exhibit extraordinary amounts of faith in their Christian walk and who, by their faith, are a joy and an encouragement to others.

H. _____

The gift of music is the ability, talent and desire to make a significant contribution to a worship experience through singing or playing musical instruments.

Obviously, musical ability is a gift. Not everyone plays musical instruments or sings well. Usually a person with the gift of music will display an interest early in life and begin developing that gift. Some have the gift and just have not had an opportunity to use it. American Idol, X Factor and other shows are wildly popular because people love to see the discovery of incredible talent in action.

When a person discovers they have a gift to sing or play, that gift **must be developed** in order to be used together in a group of other skilled players and singers.

1. It must be _____ and determined by _____ others if you really do have the gift of music.

We've all seen THAT contestant who believes with all their hearts that they will be the next American Idol only to find out that they hurt everyone's ears. On the other hand, with just a little coaching and training some can go on to be great. That's why we offer auditions for the praise team. We can help those interested in learning to be better singers and musicians. Practice, practice and more practice along with **a real heart of worship** are the singer and musicians most important assets tools to lead people into God's presence through praise and worship.

John 4:23-24 NKJV *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking*

such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

2. A _____ attitude is most important in worship leaders!

James 5:13 NKJV *Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.*

I. _____ and _____

The “gift of tongues and interpretation” is the ability to speak or interpret a language which you have never learned and communicate a divinely inspired and anointed message **from God to believers or unbelievers.**

1 Cor 12:7-11 NKJV *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ...10 to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

The Greek word for “tongues” is literally translated “languages.”

The first miraculous manifestation of the gift of tongues is described in **Acts 2:1-8**

To the amazement of the crowd in Jerusalem, the disciples were proclaiming the wonders of God in a language they had not learned. The gift of speaking in languages unknown to the speaker, whether earthly or heavenly is the outward sign that the Holy Spirit had now been given to believers, just as Jesus had promised.

John 14:16-18 NKJV *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

Acts 1:4-8 NKJV *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

In the early church people became so zealous about these gifts that they lost the order and edification purpose of their meetings together. Paul’s teaching to the early church help us to understand that we must use wisdom and order when operating in these gifts.

1. When operating in the spirit using the gift of tongues in a public setting where the uninformed or unbelievers are present, there must be interpretation or people are _____ or un-edified.

1 Cor 14:12-13 NKJV *Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. 13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.*

1 Cor 14:14-19 NKJV *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; 19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.*

2. _____ do I operate in these gifts?

1 Cor 14:39-40 NKJV *Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.*

When God wants to speak to a group of people or an individual, you will feel an urging or a witness in your spirit to begin speaking. It is a spiritual gift but it involves your faith to operate in it. You will have to allow Him to use you. He will not force you. He is a gentleman. Often times, He will move on more than one person in a group setting but only one will obey. Then when the message from God in the unknown language has ceased, the same person or another person will feel the same urging or witness to flow with the interpretation. Sometimes you will understand everything said and other times, you will simply have a glimpse or an impression of the meaning and when you begin to flow with what you have by faith, God will give the interpretation literally as it comes out of your mouth with little or no thinking involved. It is wonderful and will always be to comfort, encourage, warn or benefit the hearers. God is not in the condemning business!

If you ever feel that God is moving on you to speak in tongues or interpret, please quietly ask permission from the person who is in charge of the meeting. Sometimes the permission needs to be asked through one of the staff pastors and they will relay the information to the person in charge. If the pastor has a witness of heart from the Holy Spirit also and it is in an orderly way and timing in the service, they will acknowledge you to begin. In most instances this gift would flow either during our prayer time or at the end of service. It would NEVER be appropriate for anyone to interrupt a sermon for the gift of tongues. God is already talking and He would NOT interrupt Himself!

J. _____

This gift is the ability to perform supernatural acts as an instrument or agent of God which alter the expected course of nature.

1 Cor 12:7-11 NIV *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 10 to another miraculous powers...11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

This gift is the ability to call on God to do supernatural acts that reveal His power. People with the gift of miracles see God show up in extraordinary ways, from daily little events to major public displays.

Biblical examples of the “gift of miracles” include:

1. _____ **miraculous healings**

Acts 3:1-10 NKJV Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

2. _____

Acts 20:9-12 NIV Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. 10 Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" 11 Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. 12 The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

3. _____ **miracles**

Acts 19:11-13 NKJV Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 5:12-16 NKJV And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

4. Great _____ and signs

Stephen was a man full of faith and full of the Holy Spirit, not one of the twelve Apostles. I make this point because some argue that only the Apostles were able to do the miraculous. Stephen was **a man** chosen to serve in feeding the widows and orphans.

Acts 6:5 NKJV And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit,

Acts 6:8 NKJV *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

If God could use Stephen to do great wonders and signs, he can use us. He was a man of wisdom, full of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.

5. Jesus said that _____ would follow those who _____.

Mark 16:17-18 NKJV *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

Mark 16:20 NKJV *And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.*

Miracles are for every believer. The "gift of miracles" is a gift given by the Holy Spirit to believers who are like Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, wisdom and faith. Stephen was also a man who was not afraid to die for the sake of the Gospel. I personally believe that the truly miraculous is available to those who would be willing to put their lives and reputations on the line for Jesus. You can use this gift in church or anywhere you are where there is a need for a miracle. Miracles are welcome here and we expect them!

K. _____

This gift is the ability to use your hands and creative mind to benefit other believers through artistic, creativity or a wide variety of constructive arenas.

Craftsman: One who creates or performs with skill; skill in making or designing.

Creativity and skillful abilities are a blessing in the church! Jesus was a carpenter and a craftsman. Any area that you are skilled vocationally can be used in the church to be a blessing! This church is always in a church building phase, where we are constantly upgrading and renovating and improving our church building and abilities to minister more effectively and excellently.

As the seasons change, our décor changes so people with decorating skills are a constant blessing! Media dept engineers are craftsmen and women, electricians, steel workers, glass workers, plumbers, carpet, tile, carpenters, landscapers, painters, artists, florists, cooking, baking, sewing, arranging baskets ... anything you have skills in that could be a blessing, let us know so we use your gift to be a blessing to others!

1. _____ gives us wisdom and craftsmanship to build Him a house.

Ex 31:1-6 MSG God spoke to Moses: 2 "See what I've done; I've personally chosen Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. 3 I've filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and know-how and expertise in every kind of craft 4 to create designs and work in gold, silver, and bronze; 5 to cut and set gemstones; to carve wood — he's an all-around craftsman. 6 "Not only that, but I've given him Oholiab, son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, to work with him. And to all who have an aptitude for crafts I've given the skills to make all the things I've commanded you:

Let us know how God has gifted you or you have learned through your vocation and volunteer when we announce building opportunities where you could be a blessing!