

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Gift

Why? What? How?

What do you know about spiritual gifts?

-Not enough? Enough to know I'm not interested?

-Seen them abused? Personally or in the news?

-Racheal's dad, "The goal of the Christian life is remove all the lenses that cloud my view of scripture and replace them with biblical ones"

-Let's do that. Let's hit the reset button on spiritual gifts and start with a clean slate. **(BLANK SLIDE)**

-Clean slate, Close eyes→ Gospel, gives us a clean slate, applies righteousness, the Holy Spirit dwells within... But that's not all. He gives us a **gift**.

-First sermon to explore what are spiritual gifts. (*Address non-believers*)

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Why?

-Why this sermon series?

-Gifts are **misunderstood**→ **Fear**

-The gifts have also been **<-abused**

-Testify, gifts become the MAIN THING, ICLV

-Leads to **division**

-Churches divide, people leave

-Word Focused VS. Spirit-Filled

-With all that, Why this series?

-I want to get rid of that **fear. Gifts should not scare us. It's a gift.**

-Clean Slate, open the scriptures and take a new look about what the Bible says about this seemingly obscure subject –**Biblical**, to replace our misunderstanding.

-As we do, I'm praying that we replace abuse with **healing**

-That we may replace fear and be **bold!**

for God gave us a spirit NOT of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, Acts 1:8

That we may replace **Division** with **Unity**

All of it Working TOGETHER (Note arrows going both directions)

Why this series? Because the gifts are a MAJOR cause of disunity in the church, yet the context of the verses that speak to gifts are unity which is a part of our spiritual maturity (Last weeks sermon-Restoration)

Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

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, Ephesians 4:13

that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 1 Corinthians 12:25

Biblical<-->Bold<-->healing -->Unity

Replace **Word-focused VS. Spirit-filled** with **Word Focused AND Spirit-Filled**

Why this series? That we may be a Word Focused AND Spirit-Filled Church

What?

What is a spiritual gift?

A spiritual gift is when the Holy Spirit manifests his presence and imparts his power into and through individual believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so that they might faithfully and effectively fulfill certain ministry tasks for the building up of the body of Christ.

Understanding Spiritual gifts, Sam Storms

Does every believer have a gift?

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace 1 Peter 4:10

Are we called to use them?

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them Romans 12:6a

What are the spiritual gifts?

prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, mercy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, faith, healing, miracles, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues, helping, administration, apostleship, evangelism, pastoring, teaching

Could be others... Note one that common said but not listed?

Gift of Hospitality. This may be a gift, but hospitality is an imperative, in other words, ALL are called to be hospitable! Can't use the excuse, "I just don't have that gift".

Look over this list. They'll be under the sermon on the website in sermon notes.

Which gift might you have? Which gifts do you want?

How?

-Clean Slate

-Desire

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 14:1a

Why? Word focused AND Spirit-filled

What? We each have a gift, use it!

How? Start with a Clean slate and a desire for them

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