

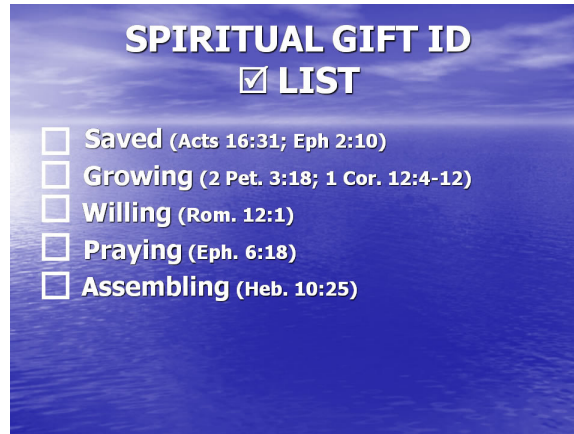
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Class #9 – Sunday AM2 JULY 1, 2007

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword.



Willing

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present** your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

➤ **Present** – “Place at One’s disposal”

A willing believer desires to know what God wants him to do!

POD – The epitome of willingness is actualized when the Christian places himself at God’s disposal to be used however God so chooses.

And AFTER we have “presented ourselves a living sacrifice. . .” we are responsible to - -

1) Rebound **1 Jn 1:9**

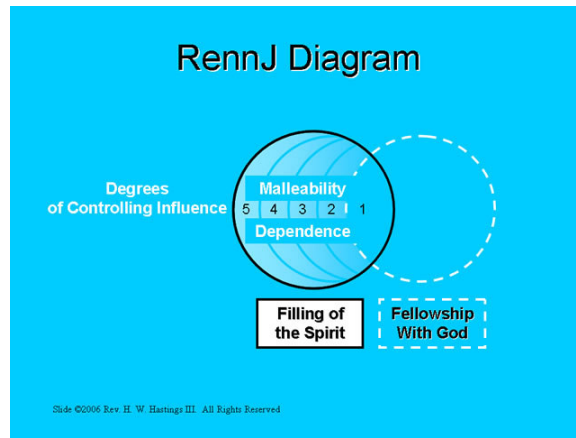
2) “Walk by means of the Spirit” **Gal. 5:16**

Walking by means of the Spirit must be _____.

Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Interpretive translation vs. 13 – “Do not go on placing the members of your body at the disposal of sin to be used as instruments of unrighteousness. . . .”

POD – Presenting oneself to God is a comprehensive action after salvation which mandates perpetual responsibilities.



Psalms 22:1-22 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning. ² O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest. ³ Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. ⁴ In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them. ⁵ To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, a reproach of men and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, ⁸ "Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him." ⁹ Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother's breasts. ¹⁰ Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother's womb. ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls have surrounded me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me. ¹³ They open wide their mouth at me, as a ravening and a roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But You, O LORD, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance. ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, My only *life* from the power of the dog. ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth; from the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.

Jesus Christ demonstrated an unreserved – an unconditional – willingness to do the Father's will.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.