

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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***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. . .

### POINTS OF DOCTRINE

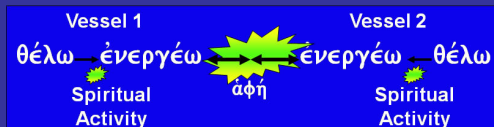
- 1. The believer's spiritual giftedness will be manifested as directed by the Spirit when the believer fellowships with other believers (Present Tenses -Rom. 12:8).**
- 2. It is impossible to accomplish the work God has prepared for us apart from the help provided by God the Holy Spirit (Application from Num. 11:16-17).**
- 3. Therefore, no spiritual gift can function apart from God the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7 CF. Eph. 5:18).**

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**[1] Romans 12:8** or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Romans 12:8** [*reflective of present tense*] or *the one* who is exhorting, in his exhortation; *the one* who is giving, with liberality; *the one* who is leading, with diligence; *the one* who is showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

An abundance of spiritual supply is exchanged when God is working in and through believers who are in contact (Eph. 4:16; Phil. 2:13).



Spiritual Activity within believers in contact increases opportunities to maximize walking in the works God prepared beforehand (Eph. 2:10).



**[2] Numbers 11:16-17** The LORD therefore said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. 17 “Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put *Him* upon them; and they shall ***bear the burden*** of the people with you, so that you will not bear *it* all alone.”

[3] 1 Cor. 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. cf.

Eph. 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

*This is why dependence and malleability are critical to executing the Unique Spiritual Life.*

*We were not designed to function independently as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*We are not independent of God or one another.*

**John 15:5** “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

- The branches are dependent upon the vine.
- We, as the branches, are in a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Eph 3:14-17** “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. . .”

**Gal. 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

**John 15:5** “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for **apart** from Me you can do nothing.

**ὅτι χωρὶς ἐμοῦ οὐ δύνασθε ποιεῖν οὐδέν**

- **Apert** – **χωρὶς** – “*apart; separately; by yourself*”

Separated from God we are able to do nothing.

- Our life as Christians is a life of dependence; a moment by moment walk by means of the Spirit.
- We are to live a life of trust – trusting in His will for our lives.
- The branches are connected to and dependent upon the vine to grow and bear fruit.

**Question:** Did Jesus Christ function autonomously?

- *Autonomous* : “SELF-CONTAINED;” “existing independently;” “developing independently of the whole” <sup>1</sup>

*Source: Roget's New Millennium™ Thesaurus, First Edition*

**Main Entry:** autonomous

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**Definition:** independent

**Synonyms:** free, self-determining, self-governing, self-ruling, sovereign, uncontrolled

**Antonyms:** dependent, occupied, subject

<sup>1</sup>Merriam-Webster, I. (1996, c1993). *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary*. Includes index. (10th ed.). Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.: Merriam-Webster.

**John 5:30** “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

*If your Savior did not seek His own will, should you?*

Prayer is the manifestation of dependence and humility.

*“I am not able.”*

*Jesus Christ was not able to do anything apart from the Father.*

**ὅτι χωρὶς ἐμοῦ οὐ δύνασθε ποιεῖν οὐδέν**

**Οὐ δύναμαι ἐγὼ ποιεῖν ἀπ' ἐμαυτοῦ οὐδέν**

**John 6:38** “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

- The independent believer does not do the will of God.
- Does this passage convey someone who is Self-sustaining, Autonomous or Self-determining?

Our Lord exemplified dependence and malleability for us to emulate.

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to be:

- ✚ Dependent *upon the Spirit.*
- ✚ Occupied *with Christ.*
- ✚ Subject *to the Father's will.*

**Ephesians 4:11** And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

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