

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Class #40 – Tuesday PM September 4, 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. . .

### Points of Doctrine

*(In review)*

POD: God has supernaturally gifted the believer to add value to the body. In this case, the body is applying to a ministry, a local church *in which one assembles*, and the overall body of Christ.

*A spiritual gift is God the Holy Spirit performing a particular service through the believer as a vessel and using that believer and his gift to do it.*

POD: To add value, the believer's spiritual gift must function in a right way, at the right time, at the right place.

*Spiritual gift function is a cooperative work with God.*

*When God is allowed to work through us, value is added to the body of Christ.*

POD: To function at the right place, right time, and right way requires genuine humility.

*The arrogant believer accomplishes NOTHING for Christ.*

POD: Without genuine humility, it is impossible to cooperate with God.

POD: The believer is designed by God to function in concert with other believers.

*Spiritual gifts must work in a complimentary manner with other believers.*

POD: Each member has a spiritual occupation skill (S-O-S) determined by one's spiritual gift that is ideally fulfilled by each respective member.

POD: The believer's position in the body of Christ is determined by the spiritual giftedness that God has given him.

**1 Corinthians 12:19-20** If they were all one member, where would the body be?

**1 Cor. 12:12** For even as the body [*human body*] is one and yet has many members and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

<sup>20</sup> But now there are many members [*believers*], but one body.

**1 Cor. 12:4-6** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are varieties of effects. . . .



<sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you;”

*Without the eye, the hand is not as effective as it could be.*

*The entire body is severely affected without the eye - yet the eye cannot say to the hand “I have no need of you.”*

- A mutual dependence on each other is being communicated.
- A mutual dependence on ALL spiritual gifts in the position God has designed those gifts to function
- A mutual dependence prohibits one from “thinking more highly than he ought to think.”

**No believer must over-estimate his importance or be put on a pedestal.**

<sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; the head [*cannot say*] to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

POD: The believer is designed by God and placed in the body of Christ to function dependently, not independently.

*The believer is not designed to be a maverick – one that functions independently.*

**We are not dependent on others, but dependent on the functioning of other’s spiritual gifts; therefore, we are dependent upon God to work in others to provide a particular service through others.**

**That’s where our prayers need to be as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

- How does all this factor into reaching and maintaining spiritual maturity?
- How does it factor into walking in the works God has prepared beforehand, mentioned in **Eph. 2:10**?

Can you accomplish those things without God working in one with the gift of Pastor-Teacher?

Can the Pastor-Teacher accomplish those things without God working in others with their gifts?

Can you say to the spiritual gift of helps, “I have no need of you,” in attaining maturity and glorifying God?

✚ How about encouragement?

✚ How about the gift of giving?

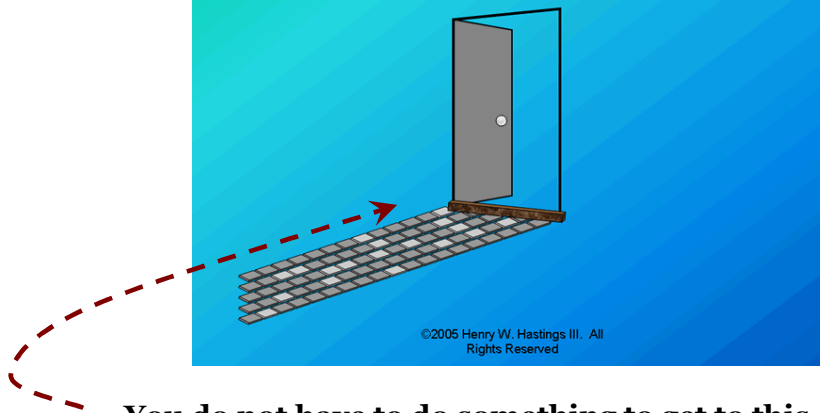
✚ When you say *you do not need the lesser gifts*, you are telling the Lord you do not want to benefit from the particular service that He has deemed you need.

That is what one is saying when he functions as an island unto himself.

That is what one is saying to God when he cuts himself off from a ministry.

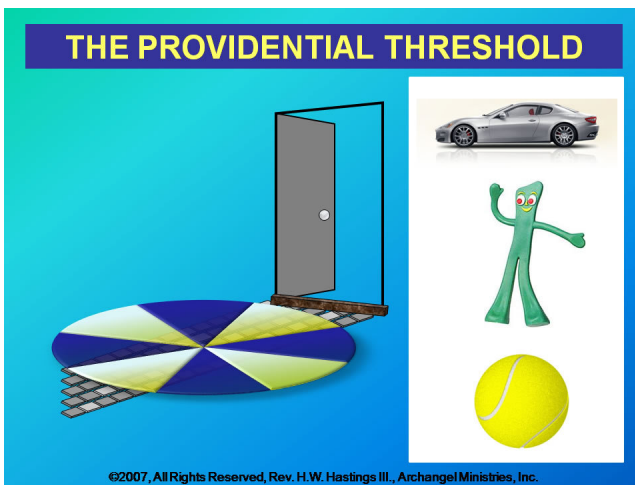
He is saying, *I have no need of you, Lord.*

## THE PROVIDENTIAL THRESHOLD

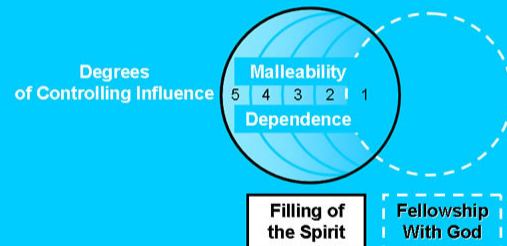


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## THE PROVIDENTIAL THRESHOLD



## RennJ Diagram



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## PROTOCOL OF PRAYER

1. Address God the Father (Matt. 6:8-9).
2. By means of the Spirit (Eph. 6:18).
  - a. Filling (Eph. 5:18).
  - b. Leading (Gal. 5:18; Rom. 8:14).
  - c. Bearing Witness (Rom. 8:16; 9:1).
3. In the name of Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:13).
4. IAW the will of God (Jn. 14:13; Rom. 12:2, 8:26)
5. For the Glory of God (Jn 14:13).
6. With faith/trust (Jas. 1:6-7; Mk. 11:24).
7. Malleability to the will of God (Matt. 26:36-44; Rom. 8:26).

**Matthew 11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

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