

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Class #43 – Tuesday PM September 11, 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. . .



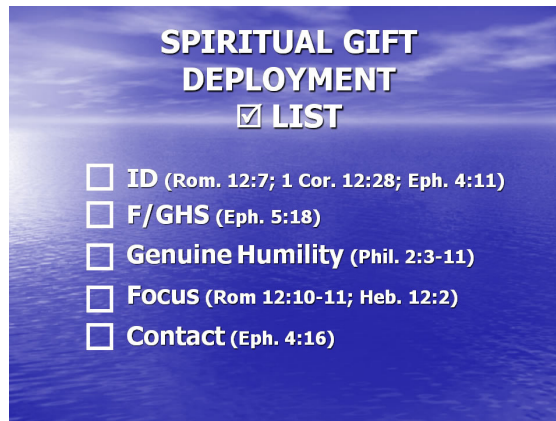
1 John 5:14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

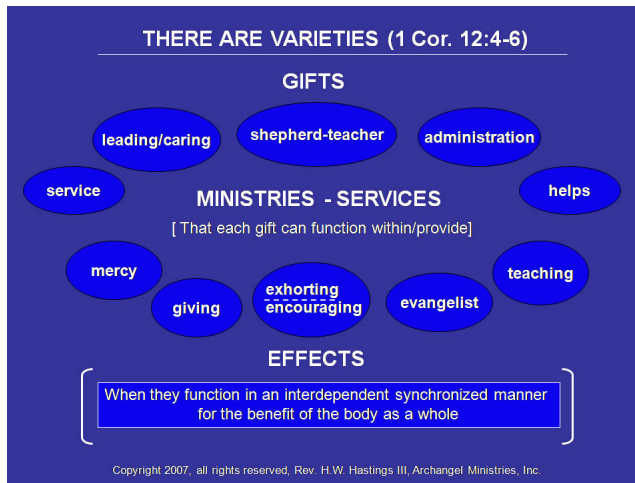
Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

John 14:13 "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Jesus Christ is the One who fulfills your prayer request!

Asking your Heavenly Father what is your Spiritual Gift is a prayer in accordance with the will of God and it is not a matter of IF He is going to answer, but WHEN He will answer.





The Filling of the Holy Spirit is crucial in understanding how the spiritual life is lived!



Unseen Members of the Body of Christ!

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

← **πληρώω – PLEROO** – “Filled” – Translated: *Keep on being filled!*

Because of the contrast with being under the influence of wine, “being filled” carries with it the concept of being under the controlling influence of God the Holy Spirit.

The passage is written from the perspective that the believer is in fellowship with God - - under the controlling influence of God the Holy Spirit - - not that he needs to recover fellowship.

How does the believer “keep on being filled”?

1. Grieve not the Spirit [Ephesians 4:30]
2. Walk by the Spirit [Galatians 5:16]
3. Quench not the Spirit [1 Thessalonians 5:19]

Filling incorporates everything He came into your life to do!



Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- Personal sin grieves the Holy Spirit.
- The moment you sin, you have stopped living the Spiritual Life!

How do we NOT GRIEVE?

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

- A moment by moment dependence upon God the Holy Spirit to live your life
- A moment by moment casting yourself upon Another to live your life for you
- When you learn to do that, “. . . you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit;

σβέννυμι - SBENNUMI – “To suppress”

Do not suppress what He is doing in your life – cooperate with what He is doing.

How do you refrain from suppressing the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit?

Galatians 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

στοιχέω – STOICHEO - στοιχέω fut. στοιχήσω (X.+; inscr., pap.; Eccl 11:6) orig. ‘be drawn up in line’, in our lit. only fig. be in line with, stand beside a pers. or thing, hold to, agree with, follow.

If you are living by means of God the Holy Spirit, you are walking by the Spirit in fellowship. It is from that position where the Holy Spirit has the liberty to lead you.

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- fut. future
 - X. Xenophon, IV BC
 - inscr. inscription(s)
 - pap. papyrus, -yri
 - orig. original(ly)
 - lit. literal(ly); literature, references to (scholarly) literature
 - fig. figurative(ly)
 - pers. person(s)

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness.

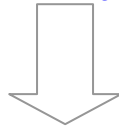
“BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL”

[**Hebrews 10:9**]

4. Follow – malleability to His lead [**Galatians 5:25**]

The believer may suppress that leading unless he follows, or stays in line with, what the Holy Spirit is doing in His life.

Ephesians 5:19-20 **speaking** to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and **making melody** with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ always **giving thanks** for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; ²¹ and **be subject to one another** in the fear of Christ.



Results of “Being filled”

Ephesians 5:22 **Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

A requirement that can only be accomplished when filled with the Holy Spirit

POD: The believer’s gift will not function unless he keeps on being filled by the Spirit.

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