

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Class #56 – Sunday AM2 October 14, 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).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Ephesians 5:21 Corrected “. . . be subject to one another *by means of reverence or respect for Christ.*”

POD: It is by means of reverence for your Savior's will that you are able to submit via the filling of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18 cf. 21).

Points of Doctrine relating to Authority -

POD #1 - It is God's directive will for the Christian to submit to authority in the local church (Eph. 5:21; 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:7, 17).

POD #2 - God will eventually remove the believer's opportunity to serve with his or her gift should the believer continue to rebel against authority.

James 4:6 “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

POD #3 - Oftentimes, the believer removes himself because, in arrogance, he justifies his departure thinking God has a better plan.

- God uses the believer's arrogance to fulfill His will.
- **Proverbs 26:27** He who digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
- He who fails to submit to authority is forfeiting eternal rewards reserved for him at the Bema.
- Those rewards are being forfeited because the believer stops walking in the works that God has prepared for him.

POD #4 - Arrogance prevents the believer from walking in the works God has prepared beforehand (Eph. 2:10).

Arrogance is a subtle sin – very hard to detect!

POD #5 - The believer who refuses to submit to authority is grieving the Spirit in carnality (Eph. 5:18, 21 cf. Eph. 4:30-32).

Ephesians 4:30-32 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath [*rage*] and anger and clamor [*argumentative shouting*] and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Bitterness & anger for a fellow believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is not conducive to executing the unique spiritual life.

³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

➤ Unless you have learned to walk by the Spirit you will not be able to forgive one another or submit to authority.

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

POD #6 - Therefore, he is operating from arrogance and God will arrange Himself in battle against the arrogant believer (**James. 4:6; Mt. 23:12; 1 Peter 5:5**).

Matthew 23:12 “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

1 Peter 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

POD #7 - Arrogant believers limit spiritual opportunities to employ their spiritual gifts for scourging opportunities (**Heb 12:5-6**).

Hebrews 12:5-6 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; ⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

POD #8 - God does not take away the spiritual gift as it is a manifestation of the Spirit, however He will close the door for the arrogant believer.

The door will remain closed until humility is enforced through discipline.

POD #9 - [*Encouragement for those in authority*] God will provide a replacement in the wake of the arrogant because no one will frustrate His plans.

Isaiah 14:27 “For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate *it*? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?”

POD #10 - [*Encouragement for those who are frustrated by authority*] You must allow the authority to be used as a tool in God’s hands to mold you into who God wants you to be as you submit.

It is paramount that you be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

The only way to do this is to endure through the application of doctrine in fellowship as you walk by the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-4, 7-8, 11 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit [*a unity produced by God the Holy Spirit*] in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling. . .* ⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸

Therefore it says, “WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.” 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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Ephesians 4:14-15 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

Eph. 4:16

ἐξ οὗ πᾶν τὸ σῶμα God

συναρμολογούμενον καὶ συμβιβαζόμενον

διὰ πάσης ἀφ᾽ ἧς τῆς ἐπιχορηγίας

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Motivating Love of Christ

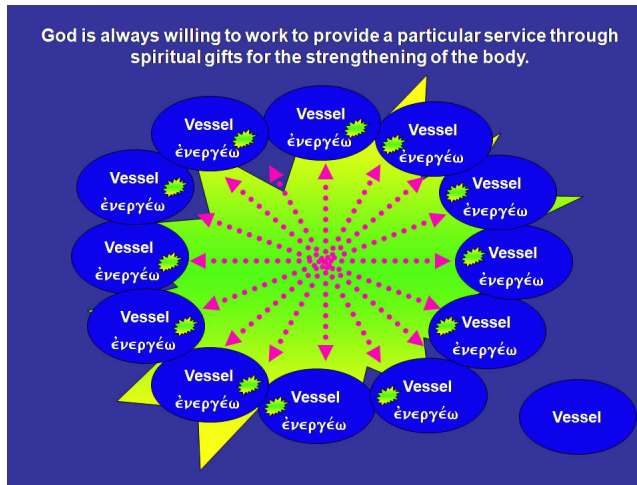
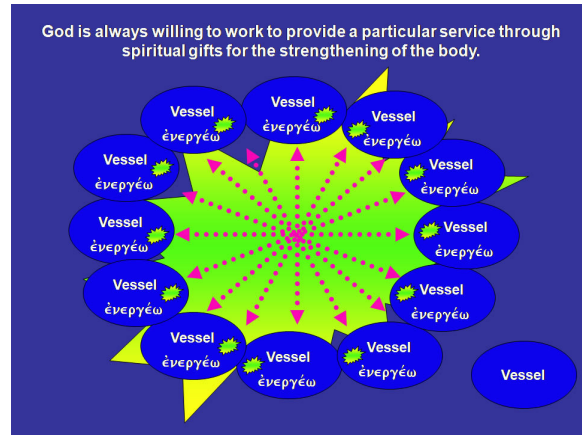
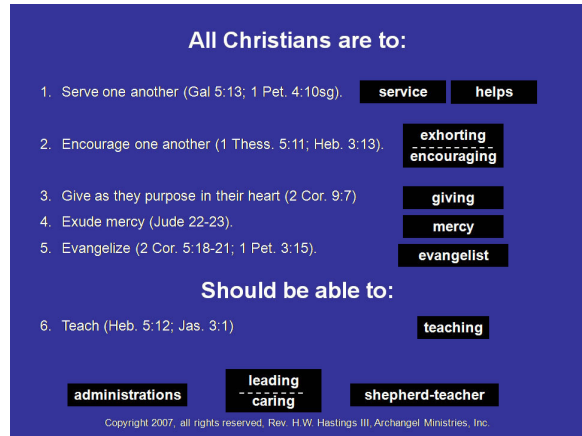
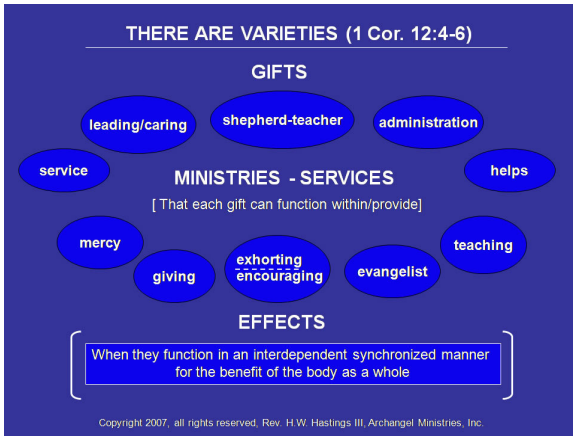
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Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies. . .

Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

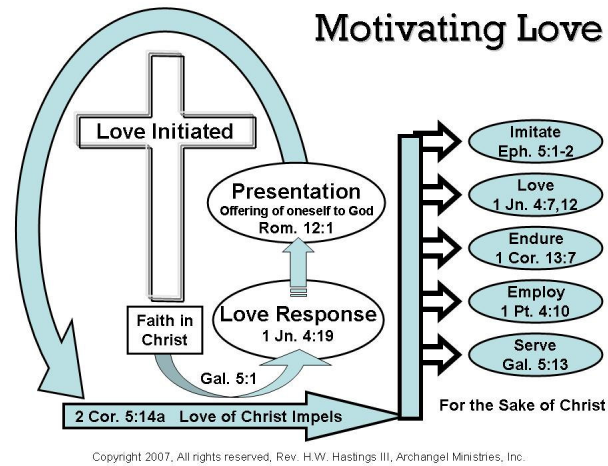
. . . according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.





“... by means of the love of Christ.”

- The love of Christ initiated at the cross elicits a response from the believer to love Christ.



- It is out of *personal love for Christ* that the believer presents Himself to Christ.
- The love of Christ must be manifested in the believer to love others as Christ loves them.

Using your gift in serving one another is a demonstration of Christ's love as it is being manifested in you by God the Holy Spirit.

It is for the Love of Christ that you submit to authority.

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

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