

Abide Part 15: Spiritual Gifts continued (1-27-2019)

Review: The Gifts are for Today, & we use them in Love by walking in: Humility, Unity, Responsibility, & Honor

- God desires that we not be ignorant, lack understanding or ignore His Gifts for us
- His desire is that the diversity of gifts be available to all as needed to benefit the whole body

The Gifts covered last week

- **Prophecy, Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, The Role of a Prophet**
- **Serving**
- **Helps**
- **Teaching, Exhortation, The Role of a Teacher**

Today: Continue unwrapping the Spiritual Gifts – Open with: getting clothes at Christmas as a kid (Toy Story)

The Primary Passages Listing the Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)

(6) Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; (7) if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; (8) the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (ESV)

(8) For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, (10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV)

(28) And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

(11) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, (12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ

The Gifts Continued . . .

- **Giving** (Metadidomi G3330) – Romans 12:8
 - **Meaning:** To give, to share with someone, to impart, communicate. Used in an absolute sense meaning one who distributes alms, an officer of the church. This gift is to be done with generosity – liberally, sincerely, bountifully, with no ulterior motive, without hypocrisy.
 - **Examples:** Practical gift (cloak – Luke 3:11), Spiritual gift (Paul – Romans 1:11), Financial Gift (Ephesians 4:28), Our hearts in genuine loving relationship (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

- **Leadership** (Proistemi G4291) – Romans 12:8
 - **Meaning:** To set over, to be over, to superintend, preside or rule over, to be a protector or guardian, to give aid, to care for, give attention to. We are called to lead with care, diligence, and effort.
 - **Examples:** Rule your own life well (Titus 3:8,14), your family well (1 Timothy 3:4,12), leadership in the church (1 Timothy 3 – elders & deacons), and we are also called to know our leaders & think highly of and value those who lead us spiritually (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

- **Administration** (Kubernesis G2941) – 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - **Meaning:** Steer, Govern, Guide. From a root word meaning: Captain or Pilot
 - **Example:** Acts 27:11 – The title used of the captain of the ship that Paul was a prisoner on as he sailed to Rome. Ultimately ended in a shipwreck, but everyone was saved by Paul’s prediction and following his direction.

Compare/Contrast: Leadership vs. Management (“Endurance”: Shackleton & Worsley)

- **Mercy** (Eleeo G1653) – Romans 12:8
 - **Meaning:** To show mercy, to show compassion, to help one afflicted or seeking aid, to extend help for the consequence of sin, as opposed to being hardened. The general meaning is to have compassion or mercy on a person in unhappy circumstances. Not merely a feeling for the misfortunes of others involving sympathy or pity, but also **an active desire to remove those miseries.**
 - **Examples:** Matthew 5:7 – blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy. People who were sick or demon possessed regularly called out to Jesus for mercy, also used often to speak of God’s mercy upon sinners in receiving salvation. **Most often this is used to describe God’s merciful heart and actions towards people who are un-deserving.**

- **Faith** (Pistis G4102) – 1 Corinthians 12:9
 - **Meaning:** *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; *constancy* in that profession. Assurance, belief, faith, fidelity. To have a firm persuasion, conviction, belief in the truth. Belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence). Fidelity, faithfulness, the character of one who can be relied on. I believe, hold firm in my belief, and therefore walk faithfully.
 - **Examples:** (Matt. 8:10/Luke 7:9) faith of the centurion, (Matt 9:22) woman with issue of blood, (Mark 2:5) the men’s faith who lower friend through roof, (Romans 1:17) The just shall live by faith.

Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

- **Healing** (iama G2386) – 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

Related: Only 3 occurrences of this word in NT, all in this passage (as a noun: “gifts of healings”), but root is from (G2390 – iaomai which is a verb)

- **Meaning:** (iama) - a cure, healing, a means of healing, remedy, or medicine, a healing or cure, the result of the process of healing. (iaomai) – to heal, make whole, To heal, cure, restore to bodily health. Metaphorically, of moral diseases, to heal or save from the consequences of sin.
- **Examples:** Physical healings by Jesus & the disciples (Luke 6:18, Acts 3:11), demonic oppression (Luke 9:42), Consider the implications of Dr. Luke focusing on these! Also includes spiritual healing (James 5:16), and ultimately, Jesus healed us of our sinful condition on the cross . . .

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

(Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

To Be Continued: We will cover the remaining gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12, and roles listed in Ephesians 4 next Sunday.

Conclusion: Let’s not be ignorant of these gifts, but opened to the Spirit of God to use us as He chooses to walk in His Power, motivated by His Love, in order to build-up and encourage others!