

**How to Receive the Gifts!
(And be a believing believer,
NOT an unbelieving believer.)**

#13 *Gifts of the Spirit* Series

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But sometimes we have to use the “I DON’T UNDERSTAND FILE!” Rather than create a _____ to explain what we don’t understand.

Bill Johnson says, *“Whenever we create a theology or doctrine around what DID NOT HAPPEN, we always fall _____ of God’s plan. We must not settle for a lower level of belief, it is always a sign of spiritual anemia.”*

1) First and most important step is the _____ Jesus Lord of your life. In Acts 2:38-39 Peter says the first step is to _____ which means to turn your life around.

2) Then be water baptized (you do not have to be water baptized to be saved) and 3) then _____ the gift of the Spirit!

This is for _____.

John 14:12 Jesus says _____ who has faith in Me will do greater _____, these are miraculous works!

A second step to receiving the gifts of the Spirit is to claim the _____ as MINE!

A third step is to _____ and desire and be “zealoo” (be zealous for, burn with intense desire for all the Spirit has!)

Unbelief creates _____.

In I Cor. 14:12 – in the NLT – *“Since you are so eager (zealous) to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church.”*

Notice **two things** we need to do....(1) to be _____ for the gifts and (2) to seek to excel in using them in the _____.

Luke 11:9-13 ESV – Jesus says, *“And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”*

Ask, seek, knock are strong emphatic words that suggest _____ asking without qualms.

Smith Wigglesworth says the key to receiving is _____.

Actually *“Healing is NOT something God does....it is who He is. His name is Jehovah Rapha, the God that healeth thee. (Ex. 15:26) Jesus heals all diseases.”*

That is what BELIEVING BELIEVERS believe and profess!

For Home study on “earnestly seeking”- read Matt. 7:7 & 11; Mark 11:22-24; James 1:6-8; I John 3:22; I John 5:14-15; John 14:13-17; John 15:16; Heb. 10:22-23; & Heb. 11:6

What do we mean when we say a prophetic word should “fit in with the flow” of the service?

#11 - *The gift of tongues is a VOCAL MIRACLE!*

See if you can name the five benefits of speaking in your prayer language.

What guidelines should be followed when using our prayer language in church or giving a “public prophetic word?”

(See I Cor. 14:5 & 14:27)

#12 – *The Flag and the Flagpole - Four ways to test a prophetic word:*

1. Does it line up with the _____ of God?
2. Does your inner spirit _____ ?
3. Does it build up, _____ or comfort?
4. Does it bring _____ to God?

Prophecy is NOT an _____ science. Instead it is _____ . Which means it is normal for the “**human factor**” to be a part of prophecy.

I Cor. 13:9 - “*For we know in part and we prophesy in part.*”

#13 – *How to Receive the Gifts* – Who can receive and use the gifts? (See John 14:12; I Cor. 14:2; Mark 11:9-10 & 22; Heb. 11:6)

**Why do you think God gave the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit?
How important are they today for the church?**

Close in prayer asking God for the gifts to flow in our church and in your life.

Gifts of the Spirit Series Review

13 week series

Week #1 - We saw that the N.T. church in Acts 17:6 – “Turned their world upside down!” HOW DID THEY DO IT? By using the _____ of the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

List the three groups of Gifts of the Spirit:

1) _____ gifts:

- Words of wisdom
- Words of knowledge
- Discerning of Spirits

2) _____ gifts:

- Gift of _____
- Gifts of _____
- Workings of _____

3) Gifts of inspiration or communication (vocal gifts):

- _____
- Different kinds of _____
- Interpretation of _____

#2 -A **word of wisdom** is a supernatural revelation from God given at a specific moment to reveal the will of God for a specific situation. A **word of wisdom** is NOT our wisdom but a piece of _____ wisdom.

#3 -A **word of knowledge** is a supernatural revelation of facts pertaining to a person or situation, not learned through the natural mind, but is a fragment of knowledge given freely by _____ for a specific purpose, usually having to do with an immediate need.

#4 – Discerning of Spirits -In Hosea 4:6 God says what “destroys or ruins” His church is a lack of _____.
We are _____ beings, with a soul, temporarily housed in a _____.

The MOST IMPORTANT GIFT OR THE BEST GIFT IS.....the one you need at a particular _____.

Everything we do is motivated by one of three spirits: A divine or Godly spirit, a _____ spirit, or by our own _____ spirit.

The gift of discerning of spirits is NOT:

1. The gift of _____.
2. Just for discerning _____ spirits.
3. The gift of _____.

#5 – Gift of Faith - All the gifts of the spirit work by _____.
All the gifts can inter-relate and work _____.
All the gifts are _____ or divine.

The gift of Faith is a unique form of faith that goes beyond natural faith and saving faith. It is a supernaturally surge of confidence given by the Spirit of God where an individual receives, trust and does not doubt in regard to a specific matter.

The gift of faith has _____ to do with God and _____ to do with you exerting any human strength.

#6 – Working of Miracles - are supernatural occurrences that go way beyond our natural, human comprehension.

#8 – Receiving – REMEMBER THE NERF BALLS! The gifts of the SPIRIT are NOT natural gifts. These are NOT gifts you and I can buy at Walmart, or Costco, or anywhere for that matter. They are not gifts you can order over the internet. Amazon.com does not sell these.

The truth is these gifts have actually have already been given to us by our God....they have been given to the church.... and you and I simply _____ .

Read Hebrews 4:18; Mark 11:24-25; Luke 11:5-8; Mark 10:45; Acts 8:14-15

#9 – Atmosphere makes a _____.
Read Mark 11:38-42. How did Jesus change the atmosphere?
Why did He change it?
What atmosphere should we create? (See Heb. 11:6)
How does faith come? (See Romans 10:17)

#10 – Prophecy is the ability to speak words in a language understood by the believer that are inspired by the spirit to communicate a message from God for a specific moment promoting encouragement or comfort.

Three primary purposes of prophecy: To strengthen or _____ up! To _____ and To _____! (See I Cor. 14:2)

The three vocal gifts require us to use our _____ which is under our _____