

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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### Concerning Your Gifts

It is ridiculous to say "you can do nothing" as to say "you can do everything".

Father / Son / Holy Spirit – Each gave gifts.

#### Spiritual Gifts



**BY THEIR VERY NATURE, A GIFT, IS NOT EARNED BUT IS OF GRACE.**

**Ephesians 3:7**, "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power."

**Acts 9:15**, "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

- × Our gifts are all of grace.

**GIFTS ARE USUALLY GIVEN ACCORDING TO ONES ABILITY TO HANDLE IT.**

**I Peter 4:11**, "If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it as of the ability which God giveth*: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- × Would you give a gun to a 6 year old?
- × If our gift does not glorify God we are not mature enough to manage the gift.

**Matthew 25:15**, "And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; **to every man according to his several ability**; and straightway took his journey."

**Exodus 35:30-34**, "30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom,

in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. 34 And **he hath put in his heart that he may teach**, *both* he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan."

**GIFTS USUALLY DIFFER IN VALUE AND PURPOSE.**  
**Romans 12:6**, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;"

- × Let us do what we can do.
- × Body illustration. The eye is not all there is to the body.

**I Corinthians 7:7**, "For I would that all men were even as I myself. But **every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.**"

- × Recognize others have gifts that we do not.

**I Corinthians 12:4**, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."

- × Theirs came from Spirit too!

**I Corinthians 12:28-29**, "28 And God hath set some in the church, **first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.** 29 **Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?**

- × All members are important to the body. If true of the miraculous gifts, it is true of any gift.
- × All for the want of a nail; the shoe, the horse, the man, and the battle was lost!!!
- × Roofing nail; not doing it's work – ruins the carpet.

**A GIFT MAY BE GIVEN TO BE USED BY THE RECEIVER TO BLESS OTHERS.**

**Ephesians 4:11-12**, "11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints,

for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ.**"

- ✘ This is the purpose of all gifts God gave.
- ✘ What are you doing for Heaven's sake?

### **A GIVER OF A GIFT MAY GIVE WHAT HE WISHES TO WHOM HE WISHES.**

**I Corinthians 12:8-11**, "8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, **dividing to every man severally as he will.**"

- ✘ This stops jealousy, envy, pride.
- ✘ No superiority, inferiority complexes.
- ✘ No gift or rewards – Apostle never decided.

### **THOSE WHO PRETEND A FALSE GIFT IS A FALSE HOPE.**

**Proverbs 25:14**, "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift **is like clouds and wind without rain.**"

- ✘ Deliver us from those who claim to have great talents and do not.
- ✘ Brother Ira singing in the choir.

**TO NOT ACCEPT A GIFT IS TO REFUSE THE GIVER.**  
**Genesis 33:10**, "And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefor I have seen thy face, as though it had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me."

**Jeremiah 14:12**, "When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence."

**Malachi 1:8, 13**, "8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? **Offer it now unto they governor; will he be pleased with thee or accept your person?** saith the Lord of hosts. 13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! And ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought *that which* was torn, and the lame, and the sick thus ye brought an offering; **should I accept this of your hand?** saith the Lord."

- ✘ Woman who rejects the gift rejects the suitor.

### **TO NOT USE THE GIFT IS UNTHANKFULNESS AND MUST NOT BE NEGLECTED.**

**I Timothy 4:14**, "**Neglect not the gift** that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

**Matthew 25:25-26**, "25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth; lo, there thou hast *that is* thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, **Thou wicked and slothful servant**, thou knewest that I reaped where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:"

- ✘ To neglect is not a light sin. How shall we escape if we neglect?
- ✘ If you do not use it, you lose it!

### **THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR BEING PUFFED UP FOR A POSSESSION OF THAT WHICH WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY GRACE.**

**I Corinthians 4:6-7**, "6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself, and to Apollos, for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, **that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.** 7 For who maketh thee to differ *from another?* and **what hast thou that now if thou didst receive it, why does thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?**"

- ✘ What you have is a gift. Why be proud?
- ✘ Gifts are not rewards, earned, or deserved – Not of debt.

**Romans 12:3**, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**"

**James 1:17**, "**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variablesness, neither shadow of turning."

**Matthew 23:19**, "Ye fools and blind: for **whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?**"

### **WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE GIFT GIVEN.**

**I Peter 4:10**, "As every man hath received the gift, *even* so minister the same one to another, **as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**"

**II Timothy 1:6**, "Wherefore I have put thee in remembrance that thou **stir up the gift of God**, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."

- ✘ A fire sometimes must be stirred.

**I Corinthians 4:1-2**, "1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God.** 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

- × Poor stewards are punished!

**TO USE A GIFT WITHOUT LOVE IS VAIN.**

**I Corinthians 13:2**, “And though I have *the gift of* prophesy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **and have not charity, I am nothing.**”

- × Your gift is worthless unless motivated by love.
- × People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.