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- How the Holy Spirit Moves
- Exercising Spiritual Gifts
- Discerning of Spirits
- A Word of Wisdom
- A Word of Knowledge
- The Gift of Faith
- The Gifts of Healings
- Workings of Miracles
- Gift of Various Kinds of Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues
- The Gift of Prophecy

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Acknowledgment and Debt of Gratitude

This set of teachings, *Releasing Spiritual Gifts*, has come forth from the gleanings of various ministers and ministries over the years. It has been my privilege over the years to observe firsthand the gentleness, boldness, and power of the ministry of Mahesh and Bonnie Chavda. I have learned much about the gifts of discernings of spirits through Pat Gastineau of Atlanta. I have also been privileged to have many companions in ministry to whom I'm grateful, like Michael Sullivant, Lee and Doris Harms and Brian Fenimore. I also wish to thank the Lord for the teaching ministries of John Wimber, Jim Croft, Peter Wagner and Derek Prince and for the prophetic impartation through Paul Cain, Bob Jones, and others.

But, I must say, first and foremost I am thankful to our Father for sending us the precious Holy Spirit! He is our gift! Therefore I proclaim, "Thank you God for the gift of the Holy Sprit!"

Preface for Releasing Spiritual Gifts

Just Do It!

by James W. Goll

The title of this Study Guide in the series **Empowered For Ministry** is **Releasing Spiritual Gifts**. It is my hope that these materials will do more than just give you another great set of teaching materials to add to the pile many of you already have amounted! Of course, for some of you, this could be your introductory material into this understanding that God has not “lifted” these special manifestations of His grace, but instead, all the more, in the last days, He has determined to pour them forth with even greater degrees of impact and authority. So let it be, Lord Jesus! Let the greater works come forth.

I have chosen the title for this manual very specifically. I have used the word **Releasing**. Why this word? God wants us to do more than learn about something - He wants us to experience the great wonder of moving in and through His grace. That is what **Releasing Spiritual Gifts** is all about. I want to inspire you to **Just Do It!** in Jesus name. The best tutor is experience. Remember, the fruit is always on the end of the limb and you always spell faith R-I-S-K! There are no perfect starts. So quit waiting for perfection - Just Do Something for Jesus holy name sake!

This guide is broken down into four sections each with three lessons. The first Section is an **Introduction to Spiritual Gifts**. Here I cover necessary foundations on everything from an Overview of Spiritual Gifts listed in the scriptures to Exercising Spiritual Gifts.

We then proceed with a section each dedicated to one of the three major groupings of what is commonly called the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. These three major categories and thus sectional titles are the **Revelatory Gifts - The Gifts That Reveal**; **Power Gifts - The Gifts That Do**; and the **Vocal Gifts - The Gifts That Speak**. As with all our Study Guides, there are Reflection Questions at the end of each lesson with the corresponding answers at the back of the manual.

A tape album of all these messages may be purchased through the MTTN Resource Center as well if you desire additional inspiration and impartation.

It is my hope that you will study to show yourself approved as an effective workman for our Master. But, once again, my desire is that you will gain more than just head knowledge. I want to see the Holy Spirit charge your faith to step out into the unknown and bear some fruit by impacting other people’s lives with these special tools of the kingdom called spiritual gifts.

May the Lord be magnified in your life as many demonstrations of God’s great love and power proceed in and through your life to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ! Amen! Now, study and then **Just Do It!**

Blessings to You!

James W. Goll

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Lesson One

Overview of Spiritual Gifts

By Jim W. Goll

I. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS

A. **John Wimber - Author, Former International Vineyard Leader**

Spiritual gifts are the expression of God's power at work in the Church today. A believer does not possess gifts, a believer receives gifts from God to be used at special times for special occasions. Gifts are the attestation of the empowering of the Holy Spirit and are vital in a "signs and wonders" ministry. Spiritual empowering equips one for service. The gifts are the tools which enable one to fulfill the ministry required. The gifts of the Spirit are received by impartation. The gifts (except the private use of tongues) are given to us and through us to use for others, and are developed in a climate of risk-taking and willingness to fail.

B. **Mel Robeck - Fuller Seminary**

The gifts (charismata) of the Holy Spirit are the transrational manifestations of God. They are given by God for the purpose of ministry taking place for the good of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7). The source of the gifts is the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12; Heb. 2:4). The recipients are the community of the Spirit, sometimes called the people of God or the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4; I Pet. 4). The essence of the gifts are manifestations of grace (I Pet. 4:10-11). Their purpose is to edify the Body, equip the saints, and glorify God. Their motive should always be love (I Cor. 13:1-13). The way and wherefore of spiritual gifts is directly related to the work of the Holy Spirit throughout history.

C. **Dick Iverson -**

Author and Former Sr. Pastor of Portland Bible Temple

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not just human talents or even human abilities energized by the Holy Spirit. The gifts are direct manifestations of the Holy Spirit through believers. God does use human abilities and He does energize them with His Spirit, but that is something different than the gifts of the Spirit. It may also be true that God equips us by personality and temperament to match the gifts in which we function, yet the actual function of the gifts is beyond the personality and ability of the person - they function by the supernatural influence and operation of the Holy Spirit.

D. Derek Prince - Author and International Bible Teacher

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are the supernaturally imparted abilities to do the works of Jesus. Each of the twenty-five New Testament charismata is an example of grace made specific, effective and manifest. These gifts are a manifestation of the Holy Spirit within a believer. No believer should be without his own distinctive manifestations of the Holy Spirit. We are exhorted to seek all the spiritual gifts.

E. Peter Wagner - Missiologist, Author, Apostolic Teacher

A spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ, according to God's grace, for use within the context of the Body. (Please note: Peter does not mean gifts are always inward-looking - for use only within the Church and for the mutual benefits of Christians. Whenever and wherever the Church is to minister, both inwardly and outwardly, the ministry is best done through gifted believers.)

II. PURPOSES OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

A. To Profit Withal

1. I Cor. 12:7 - *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.* (KJV) "Withal" here means for everyone, or for the common good of all. God does not give gifts to an individual for his own benefit, but to benefit the body of which he is a member.
2. I Cor. 14:12 - *Even so ye, for as much as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.* Gifts are tools, or the means provided by Christ to minister to "man." This is why in restoration there must be a revival of the gifts.

B. To Form a Body

I Cor. 12:27 - *Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular.* The Body of Christ is not just a gathering of believers. The only possible way to form a body is to have organs that properly relate to each other and function in these gifts. Of course, these nine gifts are not the totality of body ministry, but total body ministry is not possible without them. A church can only produce the fruit which Christ is looking for through body ministry.

C. To Accompany the Preaching of the Gospel

The supernatural gifts of the Spirit are needed to reap the great harvest prior to the coming of the Lord. Supernatural gifts were said by Christ to be the “credentials” of the believer (Mk. 16:17-20). The gospel is not being fully preached unless it is with “signs following.” This fact can be verified by the following scriptures:

1. Rom. 15:17-20.
2. I Cor. 2:4.
3. Acts 8:6.
4. Heb. 2:4.

III. GIFTS THROUGH IMPARTATION

These graces are received by impartation, in at least the following three ways:

A. Sovereignly

God can move to give grace, ministries, and offices as He desires. This is not dependent on man’s preparation and choosing - but rather God’s election and choosing.

1. Acts 2:1-4
2. Acts 4:32
3. Acts 10:44

B. Laying on of Hands

This can be seen in the following cases:

1. Moses to Joshua - Dt. 34:9.
2. The Church at Antioch to Barnabas and Paul - Acts 13:3.
3. The seven (Stephen, Philip, etc.) - Acts 6:6.
4. Do not be hasty ... - I Tim. 5:22.
5. Ananias and Paul - Acts 9:17.

C. Mantle

The impartation appears to fall or light upon one person from another. Possible examples are:

1. Elijah to Elisha.
 - a. God told Elijah to anoint Elisha - I Ki. 19:15-16.
 - b. Elijah did so by casting his mantle upon him - I Ki. 19:19.
 - c. Elisha then became Elijah’s servant - I Ki. 19:21.
 - d. After years of training (show and tell), Elisha watched while Elijah went into the heavens - II Ki. 2:1-12.

- e. Then Elisha took Elijah's mantle and began his ministry - II Ki. 2:1-12 (Could Gehazi have been next, but lost his chance because of his sin? - II Ki. 4:8-37; 5:20-27; 8:1-6).
- 2. Jesus and the Twelve.
 - a. Jesus calls them and passes on His authority - Lk. 10:1-11.
 - b. After their ministry they report their success - Lk. 10:17.
 - c. The process was effective.
- 3. The Church at Antioch to Barnabas and Saul: Acts. 13:1-3.
 - a. While the Church was worshipping and fasting, God spoke - v.2.
 - b. After fasting more and praying, the Church laid their hands on them and sent them off - v. 3.
- 4. Paul to Timothy.
 - a. I Tim. 4:14, Do not neglect the gift you have ... when the ... elders laid their hands upon you.
 - b. II Tim. 1:6, ... rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands ...

IV. SPIRITUAL GIFTS - STATED IN SCRIPTURE

A. The Following are Clearly Listed as Gifts:

- 1. Administrations (steerings) - I Cor. 12:28.
- 2. Apostles - I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11.
- 3. Celibacy - I Cor. 7:7.
- 4. Discerning of Spirits - I Cor. 12:10.
- 5. Effects of miracles/powers - I Cor. 12:10.
- 6. Eternal life - Rom. 6:23.
- 7. Evangelist - Eph. 4:11.
- 8. Exhortation - Rom. 12:8.
- 9. Faith - I Cor. 12:9.
- 10. Gifts of healings - I Cor. 12:9.
- 11. Giving - Rom. 12:8.
- 12. Helps - I Cor. 12:28.
- 13. Interpretation of tongues - I Cor. 12:10.
- 14. Kinds of tongues - I Cor. 12:10.
- 15. Leaderships (ruling) - Rom. 12:8.
- 16. Mercy - Rom. 12:8.
- 17. Pastor (shepherd) - Eph. 4:11.
- 18. Prophecy - I Cor. 12:10.
- 19. Prophets - I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11.
- 20. Righteousness - Rom. 5:17.
- 21. Service - Romans 12:7.
- 22. Teachers - I Cor. 12:28; Eph 4:11.
- 23. Teaching - Rom. 12:7.
- 24. Word of knowledge - I Cor. 12:8.
- 25. Word of wisdom - I Cor. 12:8.

B. The Following are Some Other Possibilities:

1. Craftsmanship
2. Encouragements
3. Fastings
4. Hospitality
5. Intercessory prayer
6. Interpretation of dreams
7. Judge
8. Missionary/cross cultural ministry
9. Music
10. Philanthropy
11. Worship leaders

V. CLOSING STATEMENTS

A. To Each a Special Gift

Every single believer is to have at least one manifestation of the Spirit functioning in his life (I Cor. 12:7; II Peter 4:10). The Lord will identify the gifts and ministries He has given unto us.

B. Be Not Ignorant

We are not to be ignorant of our gifts (I Cor. 12:1-6; II Pet. 4:10).

C. Do Not Neglect

We are not to neglect our gift(s) (I Tim. 4:14). Rather, we are to stir it (them) up (II Tim. 1:6). Fan it into flame the gifts of God within you. Call them forth for the glory of God.

D. Desire The Gift

We are to desire strongly to have gifts that edify (I Cor. 12:31; I Cor. 14:1). The word “desire” means to crave, have hunger for. The term “earnest” can mean to have passionate pursuit.

So passionately pursue with deep seated hunger the spiritual graces of God.

E. No Give and Take

Once God gives a gift, it will not be withdrawn or recalled (Rom. 11:29). What He gives, He does not take back.

F. The Art of Risk-Taking

The gifts are best developed in a climate of risk-taking and willingness to fail. The way to teach people is to have them exposed to a model. They can “see it,” “hear it,” and then “try it.” They can “think about it,” have it “reinforced” and “try it again.” Finally, they will “be it” and “do it” for the rest of their lives.

G. **God is Searching**

Since the beginning, the Spirit has desired to find those through whom He could manifest Himself. In creation He “hovered” like a hen over her baby chicks (Gen. 1:2). In Numbers 11:26-30, we see Eldad and Medad prophesying in the camp of Israel. When this event was reported to Moses, he replied, Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them! (vs. 29). In Joel 2:28-29, Joel is foretelling a day when prophecy, dreams and visions will become widespread. In Acts 2:14-21, Peter says that the day which was prophesied by Joel had arrived. We now live in that day and God is ministering the gifts to those who desire them.

Reflective Questions Section One - Lesson One

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. In your own words define the term "Spiritual gifts"? _____

2. List three purposes for the use of the Gifts? 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____
3. Describe three ways the Gifts are received? 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

MULTI-CHOICE

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| A. Good works | C. Love |
| B. Manifestation | D. Spiritual Gifts |

FROM THE LIST ABOVE, ANSWER THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS:

4. I Cor. 12:7 "But the _____ of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (KJV)
5. I Cor. 14:12 "Even so ye, for as much a ye are zealous of _____, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."

TRUE OR FALSE

6. Supernatural gifts are needed to reap the great harvest of souls prior to coming of the Lord.
7. The gifts are the expression of God's power.
8. The motive of using the gifts is to build a ministry.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

9. Write out I Corinthians 12: 7, 11 and memorize it.

10. What was the primary point you learned from this lesson?

Turn to the back of this book for the answers to these questions.