

THE POWER GIFTS – 1 CORINTHIANS 12

We are not called to just be saved, we are called to be disciples, fully devoted followers of Christ.

When Jesus called His first disciples, they left EVERYTHING to follow Him.

Nobody leaves everything to follow someone they don't know, they must have had a relationship to do that.

Becoming a disciple does not happen all at once, there is a process of getting to know Jesus..

If you are not operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, you become stagnate (spiritually).

You become stagnate if there is not a flow, the Spirit of God must flow in and flow out of you.

Operating in the gifts is the flow out.

If your heart is saying, "Jesus is Lord," then you are a candidate for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow in your life.

The gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are commonly referred to as the power gifts.

Power gifts are a brief dramatic demonstration of God's power at a particular moment.

Power gifts are not something a person walks in all day long all the time.

Everyone has a least one purpose gift (Romans 12).

God wants every believer to be able to operate in any of the power gifts at any particular time He determines.

God could use the shyest person in the room to operate in the gift of prophecy.

Three of the power gifts have to do with the mind.

A word of wisdom is a sudden understanding of the best way to proceed in a given situation.

Wisdom from God is always pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere, it never cheats anyone.

A word of knowledge is a sudden understanding of facts or information.

If you get a word of knowledge, you then need wisdom in how to proceed with that.

God may or may not want you to share it with someone, it may only be meant for you to pray over.

A discerning of spirits is a sudden knowing of the spiritual dynamic going on behind the scenes.

There are several types of spirits, Holy Spirit, human spirit, angelic spirits and demonic spirits.

Three power gifts have to do with the mouth or speaking.

Prophecy is an instant revelation in word or pictures that reveal spiritual realities.

Tongues allows the Holy Spirit to bypass the human mind and speak through us in a supernatural language to say what is on God's mind.

There are two types of tongues, public and personal.

The public gift of tongues is meant for the edification of all the believers.

The personal gift of tongues is meant to edify the person speaking.

The interpretation of tongues is an essential counterpart to the public gift of tongues and gives human understanding of what was spoken in tongues which is necessary for the edification of the whole body.

Three power gifts have to do with the hand or with doing.

The working of miracles is dramatic instant physical demonstrations of God's supernatural power.

The working of miracles is plural meaning there are multiple types of giftings in this area.

The gift of faith is not the measure of faith given to every believer but rather a special infusion of faith for a particular moment or action.

The goal is not just to get saved, the goal is to be filled, be filled, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Your cup is going to be full or it's going to be empty.

Your either going to ask God for the Holy Spirit or your going to resist the Holy Spirit.

We may not recognize it, but if we are not seeking Him we are resisting Him.

We need more of Him.

1. We need to be asking God to fill us.

Let's not be stiff-necked, not be stubborn, not be like the Sanhedrin.

Not be like those who stoned Stephen.

When God fills your cup and you give out of that, your cup never runs out.

2. Expect God to fill our cup.

3. Get your cup ready to be filled.

Get the lid off your cup and get your cup in position.

What's the position of your heart (cup) right now?

Do you have a lid on it? Take it off.

Is your cup dirty? It's time to wash it out.

SCRIPTURE LIST

John 1:29-42

James 3:17

Acts 6:1-8

Matthew 4:18-22

1 Corinthians 1:18

Acts 7:51

Luke 5:1-11

1 John 4:1

Hebrews 11:6

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Corinthians 14

Psalms 111:10

Acts 5:12-16