

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S SEMINAR

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

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KINGS AND PRIESTS

Sons of the most high God - the dignity of the calling.

Galatians.4:6

Children of God - the tenderness of the relationship.

Romans 8:16, 17

Kings and priests

Revelation 1:5, 6

Romans 5:17

Christ in you, the nature of the Lamb of God - the nature of the Lion of Judah.

Colossians 1:27

Revelation 5:5, 6

The Dove abides upon the Lamb.

John 1:29 - 32

Matthew 4:1

Luke 4:1

The Lamb's nature in the child of God.

1 Cor. 1:30

2 Cor. 5:21

Romans 5:1 - 11

The Lamb's nature makes us righteous and holy; fills us with wisdom; and gives us authority.

John 1:12 - believe on Him...

John 7:37 - 39 - believeth on Me

John 14:12 - he that believeth...

John 16:7 - extraordinary thought.

We are to speak the words and do the works of our Lord.

Acts 10:38

John 4:34

2 Cor 5:18, 19

Balance of Knowledge and Zeal.

1 Cor. 4:20

Matthew.22:29

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

The Church needs miracle workers...this means you!

Examples of words and works done by children of God. Miracles are done so that people get saved.

Acts 3:1 - 8

Acts 5:12

Acts 8: 5 - 8

Romans 15:19

Mark. 16:15 - 20

The demonstration of God's power.

You are called to do miracles just like Moses, Elijah and Paul.

1 Cor.2: 4, 5

Do you believe that God will keep His promise?

FIVE LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The New Birth - John 3:3

NEPIOS - a babe - carnal, yet rejoicing in new life in Christ.

1 Cor. 3:1, Ephesians 4:14, Hebrews 5:13, Matthew 21:16, 11:25

PAIDION - a young child - humble; learning to know their Father.

Matthew 18:4, 1 John 2:13, 1 Cor. 14:20, John 21:5

TEKNON - a "teenager"- dealing with sin, the world; growing up in Christ.

Ephesians 5:1, John 13:33, 1 John 2:1, 3:7, 1:9, 2:12, 2:28, 3:18, Galatians 4:19

HUIOS - a son - led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14, Mt.5:9, 5:45, 5:48, 1 Th.5:5-11, James 2:21, Romans 12:1, Philippians 2:17 Hebrews 5:8, 12:5, 2 Peter 1:17, 1 John 4:17

PATER - a father - intimately knows the Ancient of Days

1 Corinthians 4:15 - Corinthian church suffered because of 'not many fathers'.

John 8:39 - children do the works of their fathers.

Luke 16:24, Acts 7:2 - men of God called fathers

Philippians 2:22, 1 Th.2:11, 1 John 2:13,14

Fivefold ministries are to bring believers up from the **NEPIOS** to the **PATER** level.

Ephesians 4:11 -15

The goal of this Class is to take you to the next level.

OVERVIEW OF THE GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:1 - 11

Verse one

God does not want us ignorant - meaning we are to be very knowledgeable.
We need instruction. Complement in 14:38 - tying chapters 12 - 14 together
PNEUMATIKOS - spiritual matters

Verse two

Can't go any further than you have been led.

Verse three.

Corinthian tradition of cursing their gods.
Speaking by the Spirit of God
 Tongues
 Interpretation of tongues
 Prophecy
 Could never be used to curse Jesus.
Speaking by the Spirit of God is making Jesus Lord in your life.

Verses four through six.

Gifts - **CHARISMA** - gift of God's grace.
Diversities, differences - **DIARESIS** - distributions, by God's choice or option.
Spirit - The Holy Spirit
Lord - The Lord Jesus Christ
God - God The Father
 The Godhead.
Administrations - **DIAKONIA** - ways of running to serve.
 Everyone has a ministry in the Body of Christ, which God gives to you as a gift.
 Be faithful and God will promote you (Joseph in Egypt). Proverbs 18:16
 Bloom where you are planted.
Operations - **ENERGEMA** - energizings, anointings.

Each ministry is a gift anointed of God for you to walk in for that season.

Times change, seasons change, anointings can change.

The gifts of the Spirit are there to help you fulfil your ministry.

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Verses seven through eleven

Verse seven

Manifestation - **PHANEROSIS** - the evidence, exhibition, demonstration.

Spirit - the Holy Spirit in your spirit.

Is given - hence, “gifts” given by God’s gracious working.

To every man - every born again child of God.

To profit withal - to benefit the individual and the Church.

Verse eight through ten.

“For to one” benefit or profit - not referring to individual believers.

Each gift has a particular benefit or profit that it brings.

All believers can flow in all nine gifts of the Spirit.

John 14:12, Mark 16:15 - 20.

Listing of the gifts - numerical usages in the Bible.

Word of wisdom - 1 - unity or commencement.

Word of knowledge - 2 - establishment, agreement.

Faith - 3 - completeness

Gifts of healing - 4 - the world (the cosmos), God’s creative work.

Workings of miracles - 5 - grace

Prophecy - 6 - human error, spiritual imperfection

Discerning of spirits - 7 - spiritual perfection, maturity.

Diverse kinds of tongues - 8 - new beginning

Interpretation of tongues - 9 - complete completeness, last gift revealed.

Seven of the nine were available under the Old Covenant.

Tongues and Interpretation were released at Pentecost.

Groupings of the gifts:

Speaking Gifts: Diverse kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues Prophecy.

Revelation Gifts: Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge Discerning of Spirits.

Power Gifts: Faith, Gifts of Healing, Working of Miracles.

Verse eleven

“But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” (NKJV)

As the Spirit wills - not as the man wills.

We are to pray for and covet the gifts, but we cannot will them to come, with the exception of speaking in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:15 - ‘I will...’

THE ANOINTING ‘IN’ AND ‘ON’

The Holy Spirit dwells **IN** your spirit at the time of the new birth.

John 14:17, Phil.2:13, Acts 2:38

Speaking in tongues comes out of your spirit as you will because the Holy Spirit dwells **IN** your spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:14, 15

The Holy Spirit comes **UPON** you to bring power.

Acts 1:8

Diverse kinds of tongues comes out of your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

Interpretation of tongues comes out of your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

Prophecy comes out of your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

2 Peter 1:21

Word of knowledge comes into your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

Word of wisdom comes into your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

James 1:5, 6

Discerning of spirits comes into your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

Faith comes into your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

Gifts of Healing comes into your spirit as the Spirit moves **UPON** you.

Workings of miracles comes into your spirit as the Spirit comes **UPON** you.

Samson.

Judges 14:6, 19, 15:14

We are to covet, pray for, and desire the Giver and His gifts, but we cannot will them to come, except speaking in tongues.

The Holy Spirit desires to and does give these gifts in light of a believer’s faith and maturity, and the overall profit to the individual and the Church.

The gifts CAN BE ABUSED, so flow in them in love and faith and honesty.

You will be judged for your faithfulness in regard to the gifts.

The greatest abuse of the gifts is to ignore them, to ‘bury’ them.

Matthew 25:24 - 30

OPERATE IN LOVE

Love activates faith. God looks on the heart. Get your motives right and faith will be there.
Gal. 5:6, 1 Samuel 16:7

All the gifts are to be operated in love.

1 Corinthians 13

Verse one:

Charity: **AGAPE** - the love of God in manifestation
The gift of tongues

Verses two and three:

The gifts of prophecy, word of wisdom, word of knowledge and faith.
Love is the multiplying factor.
Look for the profit in everything that is done.

Verses four through seven:

Seeketh not her own (what?) - will (John 5:30), glory (John 8:50)
Is NOT provoked - we act, not react.
Thinketh - **LOGIZOMAI** - to reckon, to count, to keep an account as a ledger, to
reckon with mathematical precision.
We do not count up evil and hold it in a 'ledger' against anyone or
anything.
Beareth - cover over with silence.

Verses eight through ten:

Love is God's strategy in all things.
With all the gifts, we still only know in part.
The gifts are still here until the Rapture.

Verses eleven and twelve:

Boys to men - we become men in that day when we see Him face to face
in His kingdom.

Verse thirteen:

Summary: We are to be diligent to operate all the gifts in love, because love
energizes faith (Galatians 5:6) and hope (Romans 5:4,5). Love is the great
strategy for success.

MAN - A THREE FOLD BEING

Man is a spirit being that possesses a soul and lives in a body.

1 Thess. 5:23

MAN

spirit

soul

body

Man is a spirit being - this is a critical concept in our understanding of the spirit realm and our authority in it.

Genesis 1:26, Proverbs 20:27

When God put the spirit of man into a body, man BECAME a living soul.

Genesis 2:7, Luke 21:19, Ecc.12:7, Luke 8:55

The spirit of man is also called the heart of man. 1Cor.2:9 -11

Man, as a spirit being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, originally had authority over all the earth.

Gen. 1:26 - 28

Man lost the Holy Spirit's presence in his spirit, and his authority, in the Fall.

Gen. 2:16, 17

The authority was transferred to Satan.

Luke 4:6

Jesus came and took back the authority that Adam's sin had given to Satan, by dealing with Adam's sin.

Romans 5:12 - 21

Matt. 28:18

Jesus gave that authority to the Church.

Eph. 1:19 - 23, 2:6

Authority: **EXOUSIA** - delegated power, the jurisdiction to judge and therefore to bless or punish.

EXOUSIA - made up of the words:

EK - out of, **ESTI** - I am

Authority is what comes out of when you know who you are.

The question is, **who are you?**

THE CHRISTIAN'S IDENTITY

The Christian's spirit is indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the time of the new birth.

John 14:17, Romans 8:16,17, 1 Peter 1:23

the CHRISTIAN

The Holy Spirit

spirit

soul

body

The difference between soul and spirit.

Hebrews 4:12

Christ is to be formed in our souls.

Gal. 4:19

The question of salvation - based on grace or holiness (works)?

The expositors of grace based salvation cite verses like Eph. 2:8, 9 and Romans 6:23.

The expositors of works based salvation cite verses like Heb. 12:14 and Mt.16:24 - 27.

How do you reconcile these two positions?

They are both right!

One refers to the spirit of man, saved by grace at the time of the new birth, and cannot be lost. The other refers to the soul of man, which must be saved by works, and can be lost.

James 1:21, 1 Peter 1:9.

What are the consequences, if any, of a man being saved in his spirit and not being saved in his soul?

Every Christian will be judged. 2 Cor.5:10

- the man would still have eternal life because that is by grace.

- two theories regarding the situation of not being saved in the soul:

1). Loss of rewards.

2 John 8

2). Loss of a position in the Kingdom of heaven - the man being placed in outer darkness for a time.- 'millennial exclusionism'.

Mt.8:12, 22:13, 25:30

God is a King, we are His children and heirs to the throne.

Romans 8:16, 17

A western prince would ascend to the throne upon the death of his father or mother.

An eastern prince could become a sub regent or co-regent upon his growth to maturity and at the request of the king. (Example: David and Solomon)

We are crown princes and princesses in the royal Family of God.

THE DEVIL'S FOOTHOLD

The devil's foothold in the life of a Christian is unconfessed, unrepented of sin.

Sin gives the devil authority to work in the world, the Church and the Christian.
Eph. 4:26, 27

The old nature in the child of God was executed at the Cross.
Eph. 2:2, 3, Romans 6:6, Gal.2:20.

We are to reckon the old man dead.
The old man - the old nature of the spirit of man.
Romans 6:11, Gal 5:24, 1 Peter 2:11

The soul and the body must be renewed.
Romans 12:2, James 1:21

The old nature of the spirit of man is disobedience.
Romans 5:19 - it is not your nature to disobey.

Your new nature - the way you are - is to obey God.
Make sin your enemy.
At the root of sin is the desire to be independent of God.
2 Cor. 10:3 - 6, 1 Cor. 6:12

The Christian's weapons against sin:
God's Word. Ps 119:9 - 11
Jesus' Blood. Rev.12:11
Confession. 1 John 1:9
Repentance. 2 Cor. 7:9 - 11
A change at the heart of the mind.

Sin will ruin your witness, your ministry and your life. Sin will keep you from the power of God.

Can a Christian be demonized?
We are rescued from the power of darkness (Col.1:12 - 14), but if we continue to walk in sin, knowingly or unknowingly, we may need to be re-rescued.
- Soul and body still vulnerable.
Eph. 4:27, 1 Peter 5:8,9
- Ananias and Sapphira. Diotrephes, Daughter of Abraham
Acts 5:1ff, 3 John 9-11, Luke 13:11
- what is more important: your dignity or deliverance?

Repent, Confess, Forgive, Remove Charms, Expel.

THE CLEANSED CONSCIENCE

Hebrews 9:14

Cleanse: **KATHARIZO** - cleanse, purge, wash.

Conscience: the moral and spiritual evaluator set within your spirit, the compass that points every man to God, true north (every man is religious).

Dead works - false religion.

To serve the living God - true religion.

Hebrews 10:22

The uncleansed conscience is evil (compass spinning out of control).

The cleansed conscience requires an application of the Blood by faith.

Romans 3:25

Three applications of the Blood.

Ex. 12:7

Sin - wrongdoing, whether intentional or unintentional, compromising of God's truth.

Transgression - breaking of the Law, done away with at the Cross.

Romans 10:4

Iniquity - a twisting (out of the way of truth) - driving force behind sin.

AVON - iniquity

CHATA - sin

Sin is the flower, Iniquity is the root.

Sin comes out of iniquity - truth gets twisted then it becomes sin.

Ezekiel 28:15, 16

Genesis 4:13 - first usage of **AVON** - more than Cain can bear himself.

Iniquity is the sum total of the continual cumulative generational wrongs that God requires to be paid for.

Some sins require the death penalty, but in order to show mercy on the future progeny, God portions out the punishment over several generations. This is mercy, for it is better to be born under iniquity than not to be born at all.

Ex.34:7, Lam.5:7, The sons of Eli - 1 Sam. 2:32,33, 1 Sam.14:3, 1 Sam. 22:6 - 23.

The force or effect of iniquity predisposes us to certain sins (Example: divorce, alcohol in the family). "That's just the way I am." Christians won't fully experience the peace of God until they have the cleansed conscience.

Ps. 32:1, 2

Sin - **CHATA**, iniquity - **AVON**.

Romans 4:7, 8

Sins - **HAMARTIA**, sin - **HAMARTIA**

The Hebrew words CHATA and AVON are both translated by the single Greek word HAMARTIA, thus giving the meaning of HAMARTIA as including both sin and iniquity.

1 John 1:9

Traditionally, we have confessed the CHATA aspect (sin) of HAMARTIA, but not the AVON aspect (iniquity). The Blood has to be applied thoroughly.

Cleanse: **KATHARIZO** - ties this truth to Hebrews 9:14

How to apply the Blood.

Jesus is our Scapegoat.

Leviticus 16:21

The detailed explanation

Leviticus 26: 40, 41

- 1). Confess your personal iniquities.
- 2). Confess the iniquities of your fathers.
- 3). Confess that God is just and righteous in imputing iniquity unto you.
- 4). Be humble and accept the punishment of your iniquity.
- 5). Cry out for the Blood of the New Covenant to be applied to the iniquity. Romans 5:1 - 11, Hebrews 9:14
- 6). Ask for the Sower to sow new seed where the iniquity has been.
- 7). Ask for the rain of the Spirit to water the new seed.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

At the root of sin is the desire to be independent of God.

God NEVER designed man to function without God's daily input into his life
(Reason for stress, tension, psychosomatic diseases, etc.). Jerimiah 10:23

The Spirit of God is the key to power.

Micah 3:8, Acts 1:8

Witnesses unto Jesus Christ.

The Head needs the Body. His job is to direct the Body.

Eph.4:15

Led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14

Proverbs 3:5 - 6

Two ways: the written Word and the Gifts.

Jesus is our example.

1 Peter 2:21, Mt. 4:1, Lk.4:1, Mk1:12

Driveth: **EKBALLO** - to throw out

Jesus

1). Did what the Father told Him to do.

2). Went where the Father told Him to go.

3). Said what the Father told Him to say.

Follow the Cloud.

Numbers 9: 15 - 23

Jesus' great secret of spiritual power.

Mt. 16: 24 - 27

Make yourself totally vulnerable to God, then He makes you invulnerable.

Gen. 2:25

The evidences that occur when the Spirit leads.

1 Cor. 12:7 - 11

The main deterrent to being led by the Spirit.

Gal 5:18

Led up - **ANAGO** - a nautical term

To do supernatural works you must untie from the dock.

John 16:13, Judges 13:25

Move: agitate, persistent tapping.

The carnal mind will shut you down.

Reason holds the same relation to the Spirit as the body does to reason.

Body serves Reason / Reason serves Spirit of man / Spirit of man serves the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:7

Your mind was designed to hold the Word of God and walk by the Spirit.

Jesus teaches you through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew. 23:7, 8, Psalms.25:1 - 12, Luke 12:12, John 14:26

Through angels - Isaiah 30:20

God's protection over you as you walk by the Spirit.

Psalms 91, Genesis.35:1 - 5

Don't be presumptuous.

Be aware of 'well-worn paths' - the way I/we have always done this/that.

Don't presume to know the Spirit's will and instruction.

Be truly humble, approachable, and teachable. Be willing to hear a 'no' in the Spirit.

Acts 16:6-9

Get confirmation. Be submitted to the proper authorities. Romans 13:1

Is it loving? Unselfish? Who gets the glory? 1 Corinthians 13:1

We need boldness and humility.

Humility without boldness is weakness.

Boldness without humility is arrogance.

The problem solving anointing

James 1:5, 6, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Jesus' problem: His ministry or her life.

John 8: 2 - 11

Isaiah 26:3 - the sacred name of God: YHWH

Psalms 37:7 - 9

Why did we lose the gifts of the Spirit in Christian history?

2 Timothy 1:13 - 15 - the early Church Fathers were trained under Greek philosophers.

Right authority relationship

The Holy Spirit

Spirit of man

Soul (reason)

Body

Greek philosophy

Soul (reason)

Body

Spirit of man(no Holy Spirit)

Pneumatikos - things of the spirit - were un'reason'able, therefore they were denied.

The Church Fathers have 'ruled' Christianity for the last eighteen hundred years.

CONFESSION - PRAISE - WORSHIP - PRESENCE - ANOINTING

The promised presence and the manifest presence. John 14:17, Mark 16:20

The anointing to serve comes from being in the manifest presence of God.
Exodus 34:28 - 35, Luke 5:15 - 17, 2 Peter 1:20, 21

Many people approach prayer with a 'let's get this over' attitude, an attitude of death and defeat.
Other people approach prayer with a formalism that is stagnating.
"Be easily given to all kinds of prayer..." Ephesians 6:18

Jesus' source of anointing and power was His prayer life.
The apostles never said, "Teach us to preach/ heal" but rather, "Teach us to pray."
Confession allows us to enter into the Presence. Ephesians 2:13 - 18

Confession of our sins. 1 John 1:9

Confession of our bodies, a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1

Confess the goodness of God, the love of God, the Fatherhood of God.

Confess the Lordship of Jesus, the presence of Jesus, the authority of Jesus.

Confess and rejoice in the cleansing, delivering power of the Blood of Jesus.

Confess the wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, power and
leadership of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 11:2, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:14.

Confess that the Holy Spirit leads you into the fear of the Lord.

Confess your absolute helplessness without the Godhead.

"...when I am weak, then am I strong..." 2 Corinthians 12:10

Confessions of praise and thanksgiving. Psalm 100:4

When in the Presence, all is worship and communion.

Worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24, 1 Corinthians 14:14.

Present your petitions. Matthew 21:22, 2 Chronicles 1:7

There is an order in presenting your petitions, but don't get legalistic. Mt 6:33

Stay in the Presence until you are released.

Wait for the inward witness. 1 John 5:10

When you leave this place of His presence, the anointing to serve will go with you (the gifts).

TAKE CARE OF THE ANOINTING

SPIRITUAL UTTERANCE

Spiritual works are done by spiritual words.

John 14:10

You are a speaking machine.

Cranial nerves branching from the brain:

Three to the eyes

One to the ears

One to the nose

One to the taste buds

One to the tactile senses

Five for the motor controls of speech.

Two ways of spiritual utterance:

Inspiration / revelation

John 14:26

Three key terms to understand: **LALEO, LOGOS, RHEMA.**

LALEO - to speak as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Mt. 10:19, 20, Acts 2:4, 1 Cor. 12:3, 14:3, 1 Peter 4:11

(Old Testament example: 2 Samuel 23:2)

LOGOS - the communication of God

John 1:1, 14

RHEMA - a word fitly spoken, the right word at the right time.

Proverbs 25:11, Romans 10:8, 17, Ephesians 6:17, John 6:63

The ability to speak by the Spirit of God is critical to do the works of God.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

The gift (or evidence) of speaking in tongues is your operation of the God given ability whereby you can at any time show forth by speaking in an unknown tongue (unknown language to you, tongues of men or of angels) the external manifestation in the senses realm of the internal reality and presence of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:11 - "...the Holy Ghost and fire."

Fire - cleansing, purifying - Numbers 31:23, Malachi 3: 2 - 3

What it is for:

- 1.) To edify you. 1 Corinthians 14:4
- 2.) To speak to God divine secrets. 1 Corinthians 14:2
- 3.) To speak the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11
- 4.) To magnify God. Acts 10:46
- 5.) To pray perfectly. Romans 8:26-28, 1 Corinthians 14:14,15
 - A. Intercession.
 - B. Supplication and Warfare prayer. Ephesians 6:17,18, 1 Timothy 2:1
- 6.) To give thanks well. 1 Cor 14:17
- 7.) To strengthen you with might in the inner man, the spirit of man. Ephesians 3:16
 - A. Quickens the mortal body and mortifies carnality. Romans 8:11-13
- 8.) Builds faith. Jude 20

How it is used most beneficially: In love. 1 Corinthians 13

Diverse kinds of tongues: When the Spirit comes upon you (Acts 1:8, 2:4)
for a specific purpose.

The greatest abuse of speaking in tongues is just not to do it. Speak much in tongues.
1 Corinthians 14:18

How to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Two requirements: you must be saved and you must want to.

You must do the speaking. Acts 2:4.

Remember it is a language - a language is made up of syllables: sounds.

Ask and receive - open your mouth by faith and speak out those sounds. Luke 11:9-13.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

The gift (or evidence) of the interpretation of tongues is your operation of the God given ability whereby you may by the permission of the Holy Spirit (...as He wills.) give forth in your mother tongue the interpretation of what has just been spoken in a tongue.

Speaking in tongues can be praise, worship, prayer, speaking a divine secret, intercession, warfare, thanksgiving.

Whatever tongues can be, interpretation can be.

Interpretation of tongues, and tongues itself, are new to this dispensation.

Interpretation, generally speaking, is done by the one who speaks in tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:5,13

“...pray that he may interpret.”

It is inspired utterance by zealous enthusiasm. 1 Corinthians 14:12, John 14:26

We are to be zealous for the gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1, 12, 39

You do not know what you will say before you say it. Mark 13:11, Luke 21:14, 15

When do you interpret tongues?

When the anointing to interpret comes upon you (an enthusiasm, a knowing, a ‘nudge’ in your spirit).

“...As He wills.”

Numbers 11:17, 25

The anointing of the Holy Spirit abides within you (John 14:17), but when He comes upon you (Acts 19:6) in certain times and circumstances. We can influence those times and conditions (2 Kings 3:15). ASK FOR IT TO COME (1 Corinthians 14:13).

How to receive interpretation of tongues:

Ask for the gift to come. Seek to excel. 1 Corinthians 14:12, 13

Speak in tongues - then stop - look in your spirit for that first word or phrase - then speak it out and let the rest of the message or word come forth. Stop when you know to...

Be ready for the Spirit to give you the interpretation when someone else speaks in tongues.

PROPHECY

The gift (or evidence) of prophecy is your operation of the God given ability whereby you may by the permission of the Holy Spirit (...as He wills) bring forth a message or a proclamation from or for God in your mother tongue, for the edification, exhortation and comfort of the Church, and for the accomplishment of the will of God on earth.

PROPHETEIA - to speak out, to bring forth a message.

All words come from a spiritual source, whether it be the Spirit of God, the spirit of man or an evil spirit. John 14:10, John 6:33, Deuteronomy 18:18-20, Zechariah 13:3, Jerimiah 2:8.

We are to covet to prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:39, 1 Thessalonians 5:19 - 21

Results of the proper operation of prophecy. Acts 19:6, 1 Corinthians 14:24, 25

Prophecy in the Old Testament.

Spirit UPON prophet, priest, king - others as needed. Numbers 11:14 - 29

Prophecy in the New Testament

Spirit WITHIN all believers. Acts 2:38, John 14:17, Colossians 1:27.

The Spirit comes UPON you to prophecy. Acts 1:8, 19:6

Two kinds of prophecy in the New Testament.

Sons and daughters - servants and handmaidens

Acts 2:16, 17 - Acts 21:9, 10

New Testament believers are led by the Spirit - not by prophecy.

New Testament prophets:

Can foretell. Acts 11:28, 21:10

Ordination. 1 Timothy 1:18, 4:14.

Establish and confirm. Acts 15:32

Prophecy primarily concerning the Church's direction.

Individual prophecies must be judged.

Prophecy is spiritual utterance.

1 Corinthians 14:3, Luke 1:67 - 79, 39 - 45, 46 - 55, 2 Chronicles 15:1 - 8.

Prophecy in praising and thanking the Lord. 1 Chronicles 25:3

Personal prophecies. 1 Chronicles 12:18

Be aware of the blessings and potential problems in personal prophecy. People with 'prophetic gifts' may seek, even unintentionally, to control your marriage, family, ministry or church

PROPHECY MUST BE JUDGED

1 Corinthians. 14:29

By the Word of God

By the content of the message

Job 4:13ff - prophecy by a demon with truth in it

Profit of the message

Confirmation by the Spirit of God

1 John 5:10 - the inward witness

YOU ARE TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT - NOT BY PROPHECY

HOW TO PROPHECY

- 1.) Ask for the anointing to come. You prophesy according to the proportion of your faith.
Romans 12:6, Mark 13:11
- 2.) Wait until you have a word to speak. Look in your spirit.
- 3.) Speak it out fully.
- 4.) Allow others to judge your prophecy.

BLESSING AND CURSING

Words are implements of spiritual beings - the doctrine of binding and loosing.

Matthew.16:16, 18:18

Words from spiritual beings carry spiritual power.

Numbers 22:6

Blessings – Psalms 22:3, 69:30, Isaiah 61:3

Cursings - Genesis 3:14, 17; 4:11, 9:25, Mark 11:14, 21

The power of words - the verbal contract - the law of cause and effect.

Proverbs 18:21, 7, 11:9

Matthew 12:34 - 37, 1 Peter 3:7, Ephesians 4:29.

A husband can overrule a wife's words. Numbers 30:6 - 8

A curse is a judgment coming down; for instance, on an individual (ex. Canaan), a family (ex. Gehazi), a city (ex. Nineveh), a nation (ex. Israel).

Curses can be executed by God or the enemy. Many times we think the devil is opposing us when actually it is God. 1 Peter 5:5.

Can a Christian be cursed? Yes!

Galatians 3:13, 14 - The blessings of redemption are received by faith. They are not automatically received in manifestation, just as the armor of God is not automatically in place. They must be received by active faith in the Blood (Romans 3:25). Unconfessed sin 'leaves the door open' for curses. Proverbs 26:2

Sins that the Bible says brings curses with them (not a comprehensive list):

- 1.) Anti-Semitism - Genesis 12:1 - 3
- 2.) Idolatry or occult involvement - Exodus 20:3
- 3.) Dishonoring parents
- 4.) Illicit or unnatural sex
- 5.) Injustice to the weak or helpless
- 6.) Trusting in man, heart departs from the Lord - Jeremiah 17:5, 6
- 7.) Stealing and Perjury - Zechariah 5:1 - 4, Psalms 24:4
- 8.) Stealing the tithe – Malachi 3:6ff
- 9.) Negligence about the Lord's work - Jerimiah 48:10
- 10.) Cursing yourself - Job 3:1

Possible indications of a curse:

Mental or emotional breakdown; repeated or chronic illness; barrenness, tendency to miscarry; breakdown of marriage or family alienation; financial insufficiencies; accident prone; history of suicides or unnatural or untimely deaths; adultery - Proverbs 22:14.

Breaking Curses

- 1.) Understand Christ's redemptive work in becoming a curse for us.
Galatians 3:13, 14

We are delivered from the authority of Satan.
Colossians 1:12 - 14

All things are under our feet.
Ephesians.1:17 - 23, Luke 10:19

- 2.) Confess your sins or that of your ancestors, or both.
- 3.) Forgive all others of their sins toward you or your family. Mark.11:25
- 4.) Renounce the curse.

The curse as a weapon in spiritual warfare.

God pronounced the first curse. Genesis 3:14, 17

Jesus cursed the fig tree (representing Israel). Luke 11:21

Paul pronounced a curse on anyone who preaches another gospel. Galatians 1:8, 9.
John – Revelations 22:18 - 19

You may curse (pronounce judgment against God's enemies as you are led by the Spirit. Never curse what God has blessed.

REVELATION

The gifts of Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom and Discerning of Spirits are your operation of the God given ability, as the Spirit comes upon you, whereby you may receive information that is above the mind from the Holy Spirit.

APOKALUPSIS - to take away the cover

John 14:26

Philippians 3:15

Galatians 1:12

Word of Knowledge

Spiritual knowledge about the physical realm. 'Instant insight into anything'.

Word of Wisdom

Spiritual wisdom about how to get things done.

Ill. Point A to Point B - How to get there.

John 16:13 - "...shew you things to come..." - knowledge about specific things in the future (Example: Genesis 41:32).

Discerning of Spirits

Spiritual knowledge about the spiritual realm.

LOGOS - the communication

A concept or declaration which includes spoken words, pictures, feelings, smelling, tasting and knowing.

How does God communicate with you?

EPIGINOSKO - knowledge that is over the mind, know intuitively without effort.

'I just knew it'.

Mark. 2:8, 5:30

Luke 5:22, Matthew 11:27

The Holy Spirit will teach you to receive revelation, according to your understanding.

Psalms 25:4 -12, John 14:26

THE MECHANICS OF RECEIVING REVELATION

The operation of your faith requires you to reach out to God for revelation.

James 1:5, 6

Act on the promises of John 14:26 and Philippians 4:19. He will teach you and He will supply the need for revelation. Not teaching that He gives revelation every time you ask. That is His prerogative. But He cannot communicate with us many times because we are not expecting to hear from Him. John 10:27

Expect to receive even when you don't ask. We are to covet the revelation gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:31

Revelation comes from outside of you to the inner man of spirit. A thought 'out of the blue.'

Ephesians 3:16, Col.3:10 - new nature of the spirit of man - 2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Corinthians 4:16

Ephesians 4:20 - 24 - old man - old nature of the spirit of man

The spirit of man then commits it to the soul or body of man.

The spirit works with the two lobes of the brain - left lobe: logic, right lobe: imagination.

You recognize it or become aware of it in the five senses of your spirit man.

John 16:13

Vision revelation - can come in different degrees and durations.

2 Corinthians 12:1, 2

Numbers 12:6 - 8

Ezekiel 1:1 - 3

Zechariah 5:1

1 Samuel 9:9 - 15

'Hearing' revelation

1 Samuel 3:1 - 5 - like Eli's voice

Philippians. 2:13 - inward voice

1 Kings 19:12 - still, small voice

Acts 10:19 - outward voice

John 10:27 - Jesus' voice

Feeling or touch revelation

Matthew 9:36 - compassion

Mark 3:5 - anger

Acts 16:16 - grieved

Spiritual weight

Heaviness - Isaiah 61:3

Lightness - joy

Burdens - Galatians 6:2, Psalms 55:22

Tasting

Job 6:30

Smelling

Mark.9:25

2 Corinthians 2:14

Knowing - no perceivable senses involved.

Acts 27:9, 10

Matthew 9:4

1 John 5:10

Romans 8:16

Trances

Acts 10:10, 22:17 - 21

Numbers 24:4

Dreams

Numbers 12:6

Job 33:14 -18

Jeremiah 23: 25 - 32 - be careful!

Personal visits

From the Lord (Paul, John at Patmos)

From angels - Judges 13, Revelation 1:1

From demons - Job 4:12

Confirmation

Jesus in the garden, prayed three times.

Genesis 41:32

Demons will try to talk to you - ex. Jesus in the temptations - many times in the first person
- lead captive every thought.

TRAINING FOR SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION

Training the spirit of man.

Proverbs 1:7 - the fear of the Lord (not the fear of man, demonic fear, instinctual fear)

Beyond 'respect' - the awesome reverence and fear of the Almighty.

Promises - Proverbs 19:23, 14:26, 22:4

Choose the fear - Proverbs 1:29, 2:1 - 5.

Study, humble, fervent prayer, holy desperation.

Strong in grace

2 Timothy 2:1

Humility

James 4:6

Hebrews 5:14

1 Corinthians 2:6 - perfect, mature ones

Luke 9:45 - their perception wasn't developed yet.

You need to recognize good from evil.

You must be able to recognize when demons are talking to you - another voice

John 10:4, 5

Demons will try to plant thoughts in your mind in the first person.

"I hate my job, I feel sick, etc."

Lead captive every thought to Christ!

Study the Word of God

Psalms 19:7

Be led by the Spirit when you read the Bible.

Visualize the Word.

Prayer

Minister to the Lord

Speaking in tongues

Fasting

Get quiet - "The greatest cargoes of life come in over quiet seas."

Control your own life.

Hebrews 12:14

Holiness / peace

Three pitfalls of a minister - sex, drugs or alcohol, finances

Marriage

Finances

Career

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

Two realms: physical - spiritual (the heavens - three heavens - 2 Corinthians 12:2)

The spiritual realm controls the physical realm. 'We see through a glass darkly...'

You can't solve spiritual problems by physical means.

The seventh gift listed in 1 Corinthians 12, requiring the greatest maturity spiritually.

Discerning - critically examining - **DIAKRISIS** from **DIKRINO** - to judge, to separate,

Make a distinction.

1 John 4:1 - the Holy Spirit doesn't mind being tested.

Four categories of spirits

The Holy Spirit / spirit of man / evil spirits / holy angels

Hebrews 1:7, 14, Psalms 91:10 - 12

Discerning of spirits is spiritual information about spiritual matters, like spiritual warfare.

Man's purpose: worship God and rule over demons.

The Christian's authority over demons.

Genesis 1: 26 - 28 - man's original authority

Luke 4:6 - authority transferred to Satan at the Fall.

1 John 3:8 - Jesus came to take it back.

Matthew. 28:18 - All EXOUSIA given back to Jesus after His death and resurrection.

Ephesians. 1:17 - 23 Authority (EXOUSIA) give to the Church over the world and all demons.

The Church operates in authority as we are led by the Spirit.

Matthew 10:1, James 4:7, Ephesians 4:27, 1 Peter 5:8

The Church is never told to ask God to deal with the devil. God dealt with him in the temptations and at the Cross, and will deal with him in the judgments. Today the Church is to deal with him.

Eph. 6:10 - 18

Attitude of a warrior

2 Corinthians 10:4

Four things that defeat you: ignorance, sin, fear, pride.

Not ignorant of Satan's devices.

2 Corinthians 2:11 - advantage: to take the high ground

Devices: strategies, plans.

Presence of demons - identify to the end of destroying the works of the devil

Characteristics of demons

Devil - **DIABOLOS** - **DIA** - through / **BALLO** - to throw

Demons - 1/3 of the angels of heaven

Classified by authority and function - ugly, small and predictable

Ephesians 6:11, 12

The devil

Lucifer - the glorious light - the praise angel - root **HALAL**: to praise

Satan - the accuser

Devil - the slanderer

Isaiah 14:12 - 16

Free will

Head over 1/3 of the angels. Revelations 12:4

Cast down to earth because of mutiny - wanted to rule over the angels

Ezekiel 28:12 - 19 - pride brought him low.

Thief

John 10:10

Deceiver / Accuser

Revelations 12:9,10

Principalities

Highest level of authority - **ARCHE**: first in rank or seniority

Bring unity and cohesion to the devils kingdom.

Rule over territories.

Daniel 10:13, Exodus 12:12, 2 Kings 17:25 – 27, Isaiah. 24:21 ‘the exalted ones’

Authorities

Two units God recognizes: Churches / families.

assigned to administer satanic destinies.

2 Corinthians 12:7

attack Christian ministers and churches.

1 Timothy.3:1 - 7 - Satanic strategies (2 Corinthians 2:11) of lust, greed, drugs or alcohol.

The effects of witchcraft.

2 Kings 3:27

World rulers of darkness

Professional human agents of Satan

Luke 4:6 - children of the devil - John 8:44

Our strategy against them - saved or taken out of the way

Acts 8:9 - 13, 13:6 - 12, 12: 1 - 5, 23

Wicked spirits in the heavenlies (spiritual realm)

Warring demons that protect children of the devil and create mayhem.

4th level - the world at large.

2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 8:14, 15 / Luke 13:11

Unforgiven sin gives demons authority to work in the world.

Lamentations 3:41 - 44, Isaiah 25:7

FUNCTIONS OF EVIL SPIRITS AND HOW THEY DEMONIZE

Efforts are to distract from the one true God - steal, kill and destroy.

Also to replace God in your experiences of life. – Example: religious spirits

Demons are spirit persons, looking for a body to dwell in.

Christians are not ‘possessed’, but can be demonized.

Possessed - to be completely owned.

Demonized - captured or seized in a particular area of mind or body.

The person isn't evil; the spirit is evil.

Clear examples of being demonized.

Acts 5:1 - 10, 8:13, 18 - 23, Luke 13:11, 16

Other Scriptures:

1 Peter 5:8, 9, 2 Timothy 2:24 - 26

Proverbs 25:28

The body and soul are manipulated for demonization to the end the will is violated.

Two kinds of demonization:

DIAMONIZOMAI - to be invaded against your will.

Matthew. 4:24, 8:16

ECHO - to have a demon, usually willingly.

Acts 16:16, 8:7

Spiritual warfare.

Three categories: ground level, occult level, strategic level.

The greater the threat you are, the greater the demon assigned to come against you.

2 Corinthians 12:7

Demonization happens in areas of weakness.

Doctrines of demons or physical weakness are areas of attack.

Habitual sin leaves you open to attack.

The devil uses that which is normal in man to destroy him.

Where weakness is exploited, a stronghold is built.

2 Corinthians 10:4 / Luke 11:21,22

Stronghold: a mindset impregnated with hopelessness that causes believers to accept as unchangeable something they know is contrary to the will of God.

Evil spirits are LIFE OF THEMSELVES.

Spirits may be called by a name or be called by the stronghold they live in.

Examples of how someone is demonized:

Judas

John 13:2, 27

Stronghold, prepared by seducing spirits, was Judas was a thief.

Perhaps he feared Jesus knew.

Actually controlled by a demon after he took the covenant of salt.

Can the Holy Spirit dwell in an unclean vessel? Yes!

Psalms. 51:10, 11

1 Timothy 4:1 - seducing spirits

2 Corinthians 11:3 - by any means

Eph. 4:14 - the systematizing of error, building of a stronghold (Example: Darwinism)

1 John 2:16 - pride of man

Invading the physical body.

Through the mind - evil thoughts open you up to diseases, called psychosomatically induced - Luke 13:11 - weakness: genetics, injury, habits, viruses, old age.

DISPLACING PRINCIPALITIES / CASTING OUT DEMONS

Displacing principalities.

How does God see your community?

Redemptive purposes and blessings.

Satanic strongholds.

Take up serpents.

Mark. 16:18

Luke 10:17 - 19

Psalms 91:12

Romans 12:21 - come against the principality in an opposite spirit.

Identificational repentance is a mighty weapon against principalities.

Numbers 14:13 - 19 / Daniel 9:1 - 20

Casting out demons

Person must want them out.

Luke 11:20 - 26, Mk 16:17 cast out - **EKBALLO** - to expel

As the spirit, soul and body was prepared to receive demons, so they must be prepared to cast them out.

2 Timothy 2:25

Repent. - commit yourself to a complete change of direction in the areas needed.

Confess sins.

Occult

Family

Personal

Forgive.- release people from the debt of love that they owe you.

Matthew 18:21 - 35, Mark 11:25

Remove charms - could be rings, pendants, belt buckles, others that have a curse on them.

Expel the demons.

Mark. 16:17 cast out - **EKBALLO** - breathe out forcefully.

FAITH

The gift of spiritual faith is your operation of the God given ability whereby you may command to come to pass what God has shown you by the Word of Knowledge, the Word of Wisdom and the Discerning of Spirits.

Faith is a spiritual principle. It is above the understanding of the mind and body.
It is operated by spirit beings.

Faith is required by God so as to not overstep the freewill of man.

Faith is a noun - a thing (quantifiable, measurable)

Hebrews 11:1, 6

Two kinds of faith

Your faith

Faith of Jesus Christ (spiritual faith)

Romans 1:17

Your faith to spiritual faith.

Your faith in Jesus Christ unto the faith of Jesus Christ

Your faith

Romans 1:8

1 Corinthians.2:5

2 Corinthians 1:24

Matthew. 9:29

Luke. 8:25

Spiritual faith

1 Corinthians 12: 9

Mark 11:22 - 24

OPERATION OF SPIRITUAL FAITH

Spiritual faith is the faith of Jesus Christ.

Revelation gives you the permission to use spiritual faith (technically a word of wisdom).

When you KNOW what God wants to do, then you command it to come to pass.

Spiritual faith is exercised in a COMMAND - you speak as the voice of God!

Genesis 1:3,9 (and it was so...)

Mark.11:12 - 24

A command.

National tree of Israel - Jesus cursed Israel.

The faith of God.

Mark.11:23

Spiritual faith

Believe the revelation - the promise

Mark.11:24

Your faith

Believe it will happen.

Spiritual faith is a command, not a prayer.

Your operation is to believe the revelation and command it.

Joshua 10:13

John 11:33 - 44

Acts 3:6

2 Kings 6:18

GROWING YOUR FAITH

Prayer and study of the Bible are absolute essentials.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 - your faith will grow.

Use your imagination.

Pray much in the Spirit.

Jude 20

Stay where the fire is hot.

Stay aggressively enthusiastic about the things of God. Never be satisfied.

You can pray and heal people, do miracles by your faith.

Study the lives of men and women of faith.

Stay submitted to proper church government and find a mentor.

Get and stay free of evil.

Stay out of negative environments, have friends that build your faith.

Confess your sins, and be accountable to others.

Forgive others.

Never cheat on anything- you cheat because you know you are not good enough to win fair and square. - Pay the price! Deserve to win!

THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF MONEY

All the gold belongs to God.

1 Chronicles 29:11 - 13

Praise and worship God.

Psalms 24:1 - the earth is the Lord's

Prosperity (a good journey) comes from God.

Genesis. 2:11, 12

The value of money is measured by faith in the government or bank issuing it.

Money is essentially a spiritual entity.

God gives - the devil steals.

John 10:10

3 John 2

Philippians 4:19

Proverbs 6:30, 31 - thief returns sevenfold.

Proverbs 22:4

This is war. The rules of war apply:

Divide and conquer.

Cut off supplies; starve your enemy (Example: American Civil War).

Rules to play by:

Give out of love.

Tithe out of love.

Command with pure motives the increase to come.

Command the thief to give back what he has stolen sevenfold.

Be a river, not a lake.

Send the angels out to get your resources.

The Holy Spirit has set provision for your life and ministry in different parts of the world.

Command it to come.

Send angels out to get it. They will listen to you.

Hebrews 1:13, 14

Confess - "My God supplies all my needs. It is working. I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Christ Who infuses inner strength into me."

GIFTS OF HEALINGS

Listed 4th in 1 Corinthians 12:9 - the world number

Immediate profit is the person - long term profit is in evangelism.

Healing is done by spirit.

In biological terms, 'life' is spirit.

In religious terms, 'spirit' is life.

In physics, spirit is 'energy'.

The essence of energy is light - God is light.

John 1:4

God is Spirit. God is light. God is life.

From a physics perspective, it takes spirit to transfer energy to matter. Healing for man is done by:

spirit of man, demon spirits, Spirit of God.

God heals by sovereign action and by faith.

The approach of healing: love

Galatians 5:6

Romans 5:5, 8:35 - 39

I Corinthians 8:1. 13:1ff, 14:1

1 Cor. 12:9

Gifts - **CHARISMATA**

the gift is from the Holy Spirit - who gets it is determined by revelation

Healing - **IAOMAI** - to do cures

minister - **THERAPEUO**

ministering healing is not the same as praying for the sick.

Healing a person spirit, soul and body.

Take something out.

Put something in.

Fix something.

Psalms 41:4, John 18:10 - Malchus

When healing occurs - it is restored to health.

Instantaneous healings are miracles.

The best medicine for healing is confession of the Word of God.

WORKINGS OF MIRACLES

5th gift listed in 1 Corinthians 12 - always shows God's grace and willingness to impart power.

A miracle is any time a working of power exceeds natural law. Every time you speak in tongues it is a miracle. Miracles are done by a manipulation of energy and matter.

All miracles are not workings of miracles.

Signs and wonders are miracles.

Not all signs and wonders are miracles brought to pass by a command.

Healings win individuals; miracles win multitudes.

Grace - realize that the miraculous power of God comes by grace.

2 Timothy 2:1

Romans 1:3 - 7, 3:22 - 24, 5:1, 2, 6 - 10, 14 - 17

1 Peter 5:5 - 7

Examples of miracles done by a command.

Exodus 7:9

Mark 3:5

Luke 4:38, 39

Matthew 10:1, 8

Remember that the works Jesus did, you can do: healing the sick, raising the dead, walking on water, stilling the storm.

How are miracles done? By someone speaking the **RHEMA** of faith.

Galatians 3:5

KEYS TO MINISTERING HEALING

More than one way to heal the sick.

Anointing with oil.

Elders pray collectively.

God moves sovereignly.

Be led by the Spirit.

Watch out for 'well-worn pathways'.

The carnal mind will shut you down.

Lead with love.

Compassion is a very powerful tool.

Reach for the revelation to reach the lost.

Move in by inspirational utterance.

1 Peter 4:10, 11.

Perhaps tongues w/ interpretation.

What you say by the word of faith will build their faith.

Watch for the revelation.

As a feeling

Thought

Picture

Smell

Taste

Speak directly to the problem.

Command it in the name of Jesus Christ.

Look for the cause.

Watch for evil spirits - look in their 'jug'.

When a demon is cast out, the void must be filled with the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

They may need to confess sin ('saved' sinner), or confess the Savior ('unsaved' sinner).

Be bold and push the fight.

Learn each time you minister.

How to end the ministering.

Make sure you have thoroughly covered spirit, soul and body.

Ask them if there is anything else to pray for, then do it.

IMPARTING SPIRITUAL GIFTS - THE LAWS OF TRANSFERENCE

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son,
that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
Making request, if by any means I might have a prosperous journey
by the will of God to come unto you.
For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift,
to the end ye may be established;
That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith of both you and me.
Romans 1:9 - 12

The purpose: establishing (STERIZO) the believers
Ephesians 4: 11 - 15
Acts 15:32 confirmed: EPISTERIZO

APPENDIX ONE

THE FIVE STAGES OF CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

NEPIOS - PAIDION - TEKNON - HUIOS - PATER

Christian growth and development follows basically the same pattern as human growth and development. One starts out as a babe, then a young child, then an older child, then a full grown one and, finally, a parent. Although these stages of growth are almost automatic in a healthy human, it is not so in the spirit realm.

The new birth is a beautiful term describing the salvation experience. When a man is born 'from above' (ANOTHEN John 3:3), he becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus. His spirit is filled with the Holy Spirit. He is a new spiritual baby, a babe in Christ.

The term that describes this level of growth in the Greek New Testament is the word NEPIOS. The Word of God describes the new spiritual babe, the NEPIOS, as being carnally minded (1 Corinthians 3:1), tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14), and unskilled in the Word of righteousness (Hebrews 5:13). Yet, a babe can praise God (Matthew 21:16) and receive revelation (Matthew 11:25). Unlike a physical baby, spiritual babes can stay in this stage a lifetime.

The next stage of development is that of a young child, a PAIDION. The first thing we see about a PAIDION is that they are humble (Matthew 18:4). Indeed, this may be the characteristic that indicates a NEPIOS has begun to grow. They are to come unto their Lord (Matthew 9:24). They have begun to intimately know their Father (1 John 2:13). Think about a young physical child between two and ten years old. They are not ready for the world yet, but they learn to love and imitate their parents. PAIDION learn to 'mimic' their heavenly Father (Ephesians 5:1). PAIDION are, or should be, also under the tutelage of a spiritual father (PATER) in the Church. Jesus called His disciples PAIDION (John 21:5), thus indicating their level of spiritual growth.

Spiritual teenagers, the older children in the Body of Christ, are described by the word TEKNA or TEKNON. Here is where the training dramatically changes from just knowing God, to really dealing with the world. TEKNON children actively seek their Lord (John 13:33). This is a fundamental characteristic of this level of growth. They are commanded not to sin (1 John 2:1) and are not to be deceived (1 John 3:7). However, if they sin and confess them (1 John 1:9), they are to know their sins are forgiven (1 John 1:9,2:12).

TEKNON children are told to abide in Him, that they may have boldness and not be ashamed before Him at His coming (1 John 2:28). They are instructed to honestly love (1 John 3:18). You don't expect this kind of love from a NEPIOS or a PAIDION. They are not mature enough yet.

TEKNON are still struggling to have Christ formed in their character, their personality, their life (Galatians 4:19). They must keep themselves from idols (1 John 5:18).

So we see as a NEPIOS the joy of new life in Christ. As a PAIDION, we begin to know God intimately. In the TEKNON stage of growth, we learn to deal with the world by dealing with sin, having Christ formed in us, and having real love for God, the Church and the world (John 3:16). Each stage builds upon the previous one.

Now we are ready to look at the HUIOS stage of growth. This is the word in the Greek NT for 'son' of God, as in Romans 8:14. The defining characteristic of a son of God is that they are led by the Spirit. Many Christians think they are at this 'son' level because they receive revelation. This is not necessarily so! The truth is that Christians at all levels of spiritual growth receive revelation, including and especially babes (Matthew 11:25). You have to know your Father, actively seek your Lord, and have a pretty strong 'handle' on sin in your life before you can be considered at this HUIOS level of growth.

The first thing Jesus said about 'sons of God' is that they are peacemakers (Matthew 5:9); not peaceful, or peacekeepers, but peacemakers. They go in and end fights. They love their enemies and pray for their persecutors (Matthew 5:45). They are completely matured, lacking no basic requirement of godliness (Matthew 5:48).

They are the good seed, the sons of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:38). They are to be separate from unbelievers, iniquity, darkness and idols (2 Corinthians 6:14 - 18). They are heirs of God (Galatians 4:7) and are brought to glory (Hebrews 2:10).

They do not sleep spiritually, but put on the armor of God, exhorting and building each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:5 -11). They are offered up (James 2:21, Romans 12:1, Philippians 2:17). They learn obedience through suffering (Hebrews 5:8). They are chastened of the Lord (Hebrews 12:5). They are beloved of the Father (2 Peter 1:17). They are 'as He is' in this world, His perfect representatives (1 John 4:17).

They are led by the Spirit of God. This is their defining characteristic (Romans 8:14). When you see a Christian who says and does the right thing at the right time consistently, you can pretty well assess that you are in the presence of a HUIOS level believer.

Another word in the Greek NT that is closely related to HUIOS is NEANISKOI. The NEANISKOI are the 'young men'. Perhaps this would be a category between the TEKNON and the HUIOS, because it would appear from Matthew 19:20 that NEANISKOI still lack the 'perfection' of the HUIOS. But NEANISKOI see visions (Acts 2:17) and serve leadership (Acts 5:10). Young men are strong, the Word of God abides in them, and they have overcome the wicked one (1 John 2:13, 14).

But a son of God is not the final stage of spiritual growth. There is one more growth phase that is absolutely necessary for the Church. A HUIOS needs to become a PATER - a father.

The Church in Corinth suffered because it had ‘not many fathers’ (1 Corinthians 4:15). Children need fathers, both in the natural and spiritual. Children do the works of their fathers (John 8:39). Men of God are called PATERES, fathers (Luke 16:24, Acts 7:2). The NEPIOS, PAIDION, and TEKNON need the continual attention, comfort and edification of the PATERES. HUIOS need a PATER as a mentor. Paul and Timothy were a ‘father and son’ team in the ministry (Philippians 2:22).

Fathers charge, exhort, encourage and testify to the believers (1 Thessalonians 2:11) to the end they walk worthily of God. PAIDION know God as their Father, but the PATER intimately knows Him who was from the beginning - the Ancient of Days, Jehovah Elohim (1 John 2:13, 14). This intimate knowledge of the Ancient of Days is the defining characteristic of a spiritual PATER.

These categories do not necessarily relate to physical age or ‘time in the Lord’. It seems that most believers regardless of their age do not reach the HUIOS level, let alone the PATER. This is the fault, I perceive, of the apostles, prophets and teachers in the Body, and perhaps to a lesser extent, the pastors and evangelists.

The fivefold ministries are charged with the perfecting of the saints (Colossians 1:28, Ephesians 4:12), which would mean taking them from the NEPIOS to the PATER level. The fivefold ministers must operate in ability that far exceeds their natural ability to produce this kind of fruit. A minister can be judged by the fruit in the people’s lives to whom he ministers. Is he taking them to the next level, or are they still babes, with the same revolving pattern of problems?

God wants us to grow up into Him in all things (Ephesians 4:15). Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will so move in each member of His Body that every member will be brought to full maturity in the Lord.

APPENDIX TWO

THE HEALING ANOINTING

PART ONE: PERSONAL PREPARATION

“...who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart...” Psalms 24:3, 4

It was about nightfall in the evening...the small, rural church was fast filling up with the dear saints. The Coleman lanterns were being lite as I noticed her, a small, young woman in a red blouse who was dragging her legs behind her on crutches, as she made her way to her seat. “You have an appointment with her tonight!” the Holy Spirit said, as I prepared to preach. With a heart full of anticipation of God’s power, I preached on the authority of the believer for over two hours.

Suddenly the preaching was over, and it was time to pray. The dear saint in the red blouse came up first, her legs dragging behind her. I laid hands on her and instantly saw in the Spirit the bones of her spine. I commanded them to become normal and functional. I opened my eyes. Tears were streaming down her face. I said, “Are you ready to walk?” She nodded, yes. I took her two hands and stepped backward. She followed, then released my hands, and walked freely. She returned the next day, happy and whole, to get her crutches because they were borrowed. A pastor noted, “I’ve waited forty five years to see the power of God like that...”

It has been said that ‘preparation is the key to success’. Every Christian can receive and walk in the healing anointing. We are all called to do the works that Jesus did (John 14:12). However, we do not find many Christians walking in that anointing. Why? Ignorance, lack of training and teaching, and lack of preparation...

Ignorance is destroyed by the knowledge of the Word of God. We know we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). Lack of training in specific ministry techniques will be handled in future articles, Lord willing. But today we want to focus on preparation. The Christian needs to be prepared spirit, soul and body.

The human spirit can only be anointed by God’s Spirit in the measure that it is strong enough to carry that anointing. Jesus received the Spirit without measure because of the absolute pureness of His spirit (John 3:34). The human spirit in the Christian is made alive in the new birth by the Spirit of God. Then it can be strengthened by the Spirit of God as the believer prays and speaks in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:4). This is crucial...

Most Spirit filled Christians have never been challenged and trained to pray in tongues much in their private prayer lives. But we have consistently proven that if a believer will pray in tongues for an hour every day, they will begin to see miracles. Why? Because their spirits are being strengthened and God can put more of His anointing upon them.

The human spirit is much like an electrical battery. The larger the battery cell, the more voltage it can be charged with. The more you pray in tongues, the more your spirit is built up, so that it can be charged with more of God's power. The more of the power and love of God that flows through you, the greater the healing anointing.

"...Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord..." Hebrews 12:14

The soul of man is strengthened with the Word of God. It is prepared in peace and holiness. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence. Nothing disturbs the soul of man like personal sin. Sin shakes your confidence! If our hearts do not condemn us, then we have confidence towards God, and whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him.

I ministered to a whole group of pastors and bishops a while ago, and none of them could say they read the Word of God every day! It was no surprise to me that they were discouraged and had no power. They were not preparing their souls to walk in power. The carnal mind is death to the things of the Spirit. The carnal mind must be humbled and renewed by the Spirit of God. I commanded those men to read the Word of God every day, at least five chapters. Read the Word of God out loud every day, so that your eyes see it, your ears hear it, and your mouth speaks it.

Finally, a healing anointing can be very draining on the physical body. You must rest eight hours every night, eat wholesome food, drink plenty of water, and exercise. Take a full and complete day off each week. You can do these things! You must, for the long term blessing to you, your family and your ministry. You are not everyone's savior! Jesus is to be Lord of your schedule, not people or circumstances.

This is preparation for the healing anointing...

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...

PART TWO: RECEIVING THE ANOINTING

"...Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give..." Matthew 10:8

The church hall in the small Kenyan town, a suburb of Nairobi, was filled with pastors and their wives. Unbeknownst to me, and to almost everyone else there, one pastor's wife was suffering from a dreaded disease that would be fatal if God did not intervene. As I was teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, I looked up at her and saw in the Spirit the sign that the Lord shows me when He wants me to deliver a gift of healing. I presently put my Bible down, walked around behind her, laid hands on her shoulders and commanded the power of God to come upon her. Then I went back up front and continued teaching.

The next day she came with a thrilling testimony. She told of how she had been afflicted with cancer. She had even been scheduled to be operated upon. But she felt she could not go through with the operation and expect to live. She came to the conference in great pain. She said, "When you prayed for me, the power of God went through me and the pain left! I am healed!" Today there is not even a scar where the cancer was, bless God forever.

The verbs in Matthew 10:8 are all in the imperative mood in the Greek text, which means they are commands. We are commanded to heal, cleanse, raise and cast out, all of which is 'giving freely'. It is our responsibility to search out HOW to receive the ability to fulfil those commands.

We are to be zealous to receive the healing anointing. I Corinthians 12:31 tells us that we are to covet earnestly the 'best gifts'. What are the 'best gifts'? Could one gift of God be better than another? No. The best gift is the gift that is needed to do the will of God in that situation.

How do you receive the healing anointing? By waiting in the manifest presence of God until He gives you the gifts that you will need, one of which may be the healing anointing. 2 Timothy 3:17 says that we are to be fully equipped, having every anointing we need, to accomplish everything we are to accomplish. This truth is so simple, yet so profound, that we miss it a lifetime.

How do you enter into the manifest presence of God? First, you must understand that there is a difference between the promised presence and the manifest presence. God is everywhere present. But this does not mean that He is outwardly manifesting His presence everywhere. Someday the earth will be filled with the manifest presence of God (Numbers 14:21). Jesus said that if we loved Him and kept His commandments, He would manifest Himself to us (John 14:21). The manifest presence is God 'showing up'. The gifts of the Spirit are called the manifestation gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7), because through them God 'shows up'.

To receive the healing anointing, or the other gifts, is not difficult because they are received 'freely'.

To receive these free gifts, you simply spend enough time praising, praying, asking and listening. Remember that sin will separate you from your God, so confess any that you may have on your plate. Seek His face early in the morning. Ask Him to equip you with the gifts that you will need that day (week, month, year, season, trip, etc. - you can receive the anointing for as far into the future as your faith can reach out, as the Spirit leads. Just be honest with yourself...).

The Holy Spirit can show you the future (John 16:13), so that you can 'pray in' the gifts that you will need. If you know you will be publicly ministering, you better 'pray in' the anointing to prophesy, the ability to say the right word at the right time that brings faith. If God wants you to pray for the sick, you better 'pray in' the healing anointing. If you are counseling or planning, you better have the anointing of wisdom. The best gifts are determined by what the situation will require...and we are commanded to covet earnestly the best gifts.

The key to receiving is to wait on Him until He releases you. When it comes to prayer, most people 'leave in the middle of the service', so to speak. They end their prayer time before God releases them. This grieves the Holy Spirit, and causes them to miss the impartation of God. You will know in your spirit when He releases you. He may not release you for three hours, or three days. Time is not important...getting the power to effectively minister is important.

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...

PART THREE: PREPARING THE PEOPLE

"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

The dear sister had been in a wheelchair. As she came to church and heard about healing, she began to seek God for the answer. She was healed partially and was able to walk with the help of a walker. One day, while at the home of some friends, I was with her in the kitchen. Some unsaved people entered the home, and caused a disturbance. When I turned around, she was on the floor, in pain and unable to move.

The Holy Spirit said, "Pick her up and take her in the back bedroom!" So we did, laying her on the floor. I said in my spirit, "Lord, what can I say to her to release her faith for her healing?" One word came back, 'Condemnation'. I knew immediately what to say and do...

I got down on my knees and looked her in the eye. "Dear one, there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, and the Lord is going to raise you up today!" And, that is exactly what He did....from that day on she could run and dance and walk without pain, and without help, because the Lord healed her.

Jesus' manner of ministry was teaching, preaching and healing (Matthew 4:23 - 25). The healing would follow the spoken Word. Why? Because the Word, spoken by Jesus under the anointing of the Spirit, released faith in those who heard it. Without faith they would not have been able to receive the blessing.

In the incident that I described above, as God healed the dear sister's physical body, the last thing I was led to deal with was a demon spirit of condemnation. The spirit had been condemning her for not having enough faith to get healed. So when I quoted Romans 8:1, it was the perfect word at the perfect time to release faith, glory to God!

This is how people hear the Word to receive faith for healing. Either God has to speak to them directly, or someone has to speak by the Spirit of God, a direct word regarding what God is going to do about their situation, so as to release their faith. At times, the Lord can 'make alive' a written word that communicates His very specific will, as well. Regardless of the means, they must receive a specific Word from God to release their faith to receive. The Word does the work!

This is why it is so important that you as God's minister learn to speak by the Spirit of God.

The three great realities of healing are the specific Word, great love and great grace.

Great love (or compassion) was the hallmark of Jesus' ministry to the lost and hurting. When Jesus embraced the leper in Matthew 8:3 (touched: HAPTOMAI - to embrace), the man had probably not been physically touched in years. (Again, the healings in Matthew 8 occurred AFTER the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.). We know medically that people need to be touched... Babies will die in a crib for no other reason than that they haven't been touched.

It is interesting that perhaps the primary way healing is communicated is through the laying on of hands. What is in you comes out through touch. When we have great love in our hearts, then our touch becomes a healing balm of the communication of that love.

Great grace is manifested in seeing people the way God sees them. Men see others as inferior, as rivals, as competitors, as enemies. God sees them as the rebellious, the lost, the hurting, the dying, as those whom He seeks to heal, to help, to deliver, to save. As we see people the way God sees them, we will become precious vessels through whom the healing balm of God's anointing oil can be poured out to a sick and dying human race...

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PART FOUR: IMPARTING THE ANOINTING

“...and the power of the Lord was present to heal them...” Luke 5:17

We had just finished a long Sunday service in the Nairobi city church. Pastor Stanley had brought me back into his office, and given me a Coca cola. Presently he left, and returned carrying a young boy. “This boy needs your prayers!” he said, as he lay the boy down on the chair. The boy's right leg was facing backward, the results of polio.

The Holy Spirit said, “Grab his knee and turn it around!” So I did. “Grab his foot and turn it around.” So I did. “Grab his foot and reshape the bones properly!” So I did. Within minutes he was running home to his mother, glory to God.

I love formulas. I love to teach, “Just do THIS and THIS and THIS, and you will get THAT!” And much of the practice of the Word of God can be taught in just that way. But that is not the case with the impartation of the healing anointing. There are, however, four principles that need to be considered in light of the impartation: giving commands, timing, flexibility, and patience.

GIVING COMMANDS

I know of no record in the Gospels where Jesus ever asked God His Father to heal anyone. He commanded Lazarus to come out of the grave (John 11:43). He commanded the man with the withered hand to stretch it forth (Mark 3:5). He commanded the demons to leave (Luke 11:20). He commanded the leper to be cleansed (Matthew 8:3).

I know of no record in the book of Acts where the disciples asked God to heal anyone. They commanded the healing to come (Acts 3:6, 9:34, 40, 14:10, 16:18).

So, why do we always pray to ask God to bring the healing? Because of one verse of Scripture - James 5:15 "...and the prayer of faith will save the sick..." How do you handle this, in light of the clear teaching of Scripture that healing is to be imparted by a command? First of all, you must understand that there is valid intercessory prayer on behalf of others. But that is not necessarily the impartation of healing. Also, I believe 'prayer' can be understood in a broader sense to include the command, as evidenced by Isaiah 45:11, and other Scriptures.

When God tells you impart healing, command it to come...

TIMING

Perhaps the second most violated principle, behind 'asking' for healing, is the principle of timing. There is a time for everything. Our souls become anxious for any number of reasons and we get out of God's time. Perhaps everyone is 'praying' for someone to get out of a wheelchair, so someone decides to pull the poor guy out of the chair, and failure and heartbreak ensue.

I went to a meeting where R.W. Schambach was ministering. Reverend Schambach had been an assistant to A.A. Allen, a famous healing evangelist, and had seen many healings in his own ministry, as well. That night there were present many in wheelchairs, but he never tried to pull them out. Why? Because he would have been out of God's timing.

Now, we can influence God's timing by our faith, but we must not get out of His timing. Sometimes I have ministered healing instantly, and effectively. In other cases I have waited weeks, months, even years before I knew I could effectively minister. I have prepared people for days, even months, to get healed. The wait never stopped me from loving the person, but I could not minister effectively until God said, "It's TIME!" Check the record in Acts 3...

Do you see the walk by the Spirit with regard to timing?

Now when it comes to someone dying, or any other emergency, you **STILL** must regard the principle of God's timing. Jesus knew Lazarus was sick, but He didn't rush over to minister to him because He would have been out of the Father's timing.

FLEXIBILITY

Jesus was utterly selfless. He did some of the most seemingly absurd things to get people healed. He embraced a leper. He spit on the ground, made clay and stuck it in a guy's eyes. He stopped funeral processions. He had Lazarus dug up. It wasn't a healing, but He made water into wine.

Jesus was never 'married' to a technique. He did whatever needed to be done, simply, majestically, lovingly.

They tell the story of Smith Wigglesworth, how he always wanted to minister to the sickest person present. One time, they dragged a sick woman up on stage. Smith said, "Let her go!" She fell on the floor. They picked her up. He said, "Let her go!" She fell again, and was picked up. He said again, "Let her go!" She fell again. Now people were getting angry. But this time, when they picked her up, her tumor lay on the floor. Another time, he punched a guy in the stomach, sending him flying off the stage. Again, healed.

Kathryn Kuhlman would stand on stage until the Lord showed her what He was doing, and she would begin to call out the healings in different parts of the room. People would come forward healed, and testify. John G. Lake would drive through town, promising people that there would be demonstrations of the Spirit at his meetings. Then he would back up his promises. The power of the Lord was present to heal...

You and I must be willing, zealous, and confident to follow the Spirit's leading in crucial situations. We become this way by PRACTICING HIS PRESENCE every moment of every day...

PATIENCE

Many times healing does not fully come the first time you pray for someone.

One time I was called to the hospital to minister to a young woman whose body had been crushed in a car accident. Being a clergyman, I was admitted immediately to the woman's side in the ICU. Her body was in a coma, and she was trembling. The Holy Spirit said, "Her brain is swelling!" I spoke out loud, "Brain, I command you to quit swelling in Jesus' name." Immediately, her body quit trembling, and she shortly came out of the coma. I ministered to her four times over the course of a month. Each time the doctors said healing was impossible. She would be brain damaged, scarred, unable to walk, etc. She walked out of that hospital totally whole, glory to God.

Lake would have people return to his Healing Rooms until they got their full healing. I once saw a group of severely retarded and handicapped children walking in to a restaurant. I asked the Holy Spirit how He would heal them. He said, "One part at a time."

The key, when you go to minister, is to ask God what He wants to do at that moment. If He says, "I want to heal their back." You say, "Back, I command you to be healed in Jesus name!" If He says, "There is a demon of infirmity in the colon." You say, "Demon in the colon, I command you to come out!" And it happens. If He says nothing...you wait. The old saying goes, "It is better to be quiet, and be thought a fool, then to open your mouth, and remove all doubt!"

You are not going to heal everyone instantly. But if you are patient, loving, wise and bold, you will do the best that is possible under the circumstances. People will be blessed, and God will be glorified.

Now go and heal the sick!