

Spiritual Gifts

"You will receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8

The Lord wants us all saved people to receive power from on High - power to witness, power to act, power to live, and power to show forth the divine manifestation of God within.

1 Corinthians 12

"Now concerning spiritual **gifts**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." 1 Corinthians 12:1

There is a great ignorance in the church today concerning spiritual gifts. God's Word tells us that He want us to be more than informed concerning spiritual gifts. God would have His Spirit manifesting His power through us. He wants us to be hungry to receive more and more of His Spirit.

Being filled with the Spirit is paramount to all He wants to bring about in us and through us. It is important for us to be able to meet every situation of the day, to walk in the light as He is in the Light, to subdue kingdoms, to take dominion over every living thing and bind the power of Satan but we cannot do this if we are not filled with the Holy Ghost.

God would have us understand spiritual gifts and to covet earnestly the best gifts. We must ask God earnestly for these gifts. We must be willing to deny ourselves everything to receive the revelation of God's truth and to receive the fullness of the Spirit. Only that will satisfy God, and nothing less should satisfy us.

There is a power, a blessing, an assurance, a rest in the presence of the Holy Ghost. You can feel His presence and know that He is in you. You don't need to spend an hour without this inner knowledge of His holy presence. With His power upon you there can be no failure. There will be no failure because in this you have transcended from the natural into the supernatural and God manifests Himself through you to minister to whatever is at hand.

What is the best gift? Prophecy, miracles ...

The best gift is the one needed at the time.

Each gift is for a specific function and purpose. But the gift that is the best is the one needed at the moment that it is needed.

God's word commands us to be filled with the Spirit. We are no good if we have only a full cup; we need to have an overflowing cup all the time. It is a tragedy not to live in the fullness of His abundant Spirit. Let's not live below the overflowing tide.

It is right to earnestly seek the best gifts, we must recognize that the all important thing is to be filled with the power of the Holy Ghost Himself. The Lord wants us so filled with the Holy Ghost that it will

be the Holy Spirit manifesting Himself through the gifts. To glorify God is better than to idolize gifts. We should prefer the Spirit of God to any gift.

The most important thing, the one thing that counts, is to see that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, filled to overflowing. Anything less than this is displeasing to God. We are commanded by God to be filled with the Spirit, and in the measure we fail of this we are that far short of the plan of God. The Lord would have us moving on from faith to faith, from glory to glory, from fullness to overflowing. It is not good for us to be ever thinking in the past tense, but we should be moving on to the place where we dare believe God. He has declared that after the Holy Ghost is come upon us with power ... I believe that there is an avalanche of power from God to be apprehended if we will just catch the vision.

As we yield to the Spirit of the Lord He has power over our intellect, over our heart, over our voice. The Holy Spirit has power to reveal Christ and to project the vision of Christ upon the canvas of our mind, and He uses our thoughts to glorify and magnify Him in a way that could never do apart from the Spirit's power.

What we have will constantly increase and we will need to ask God to "Enlarge the vessel that the Holy Ghost may have more room". How will He make more room? By ridding things that are not of Him. As the old things are moved out and we enter into an enlarged knowledge of God, we should be filled with the Spirit of God and with the power every day and every hour. The secret of power is the unveiling of Christ, the all-powerful One within, the revelation of God who comes to live within us.

You begin in faith and you see what will happen... It is hidden from us at the beginning, but as we have faith and you see what will happen. It is hidden from us at the beginning, but as we have faith in God He will come forth. The coming forth of the power is not of us but of God. There is no limit to what He will do. It is all in a nutshell as you believe God. And so Peter said, "Such as I have given I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And the man who had been crippled for forty years stood up, and began walking and leaping and praising God.