



Lesson 3 Issues related to Spiritual Gifts

Homework Review: Spiritual Gift Inventory

Large Group Discussion:

- What gifts were indicated for each of you?
- Does it seem fairly accurate or not? (Accuracy will be shaped as we work through the MMI.)
- Show of hands for major gifts

1. CLASSIFYING THE GIFTS

10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone _____, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone _____, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

❖THREE CATEGORIES OF GIFTS:

- a. S _____ GIFTS
- b. S _____ GIFTS
- c. S _____ GIFTS



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SPEAKING GIFTS	SERVING GIFTS	SIGN GIFTS
Encouragement/ Exhortation	Administration	Deliverance
Evangelism	Craftsmanship/Artist	Discernment
Faith	Giving	Healing
Intercession	Hospitality	Interpretation of Tongues
Knowledge, Word of	Martyrdom	Miracles
Leadership	Mercy	Tongues
Prophecy	Missionary/Apostle	
Teaching	Pastor	
Wisdom, Word of	Service/Helps	
	Singleness	
	Voluntary Poverty	

2. Spiritual Gifts vs. Natural Talents

What is the relationship between spiritual gifts & ordinary abilities?



3. Fruit

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Gifts: define what a Christian _____

Fruit: define what a Christian _____

	GIFTS	FRUIT
Scripture	Rom. _____; 1 Cor. _____; Eph. _____;	Galatians 5:22-23
What the Bible Teaches	Every Christian has at least _____.	Every Christian has all _____
Definition	What a Christian _____	Who a Christian _____
Usage	Temporal	Eternal
Trinitarian Application	_____ of the Holy Spirit	_____ of Christ

Principle: The Fruit of the Spirit is the indispensable requirement for exercising the Gifts of the Spirit. (That is the lesson of 1 Cor. 13.)

Every major passage on the Gifts of the Spirit is accompanied by verses related to the Fruit of the Spirit:

- 1 Cor 12. is followed by 1 Cor. 13
- Romans 12:8 is followed by 12:9-10ff.
- Eph. 4, ends at 4:16, followed by fruit verses on into ch. 5
- 1 Peter 4:9 is preceded by 4:8



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4. Roles

Should I serve in areas that don't utilize my gifts?

- Definition of a Role: a _____ responsibility which someone fulfills, irrespective of their _____.
- John 13:1-8
- Luke 22:24-27
- Key principle: Servanthood _____ takes precedence in the application of spiritual gifts.

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29)

- Roles are _____; spiritual gifts are _____.
- But some gifts may lie _____ until developed or needed.

5. Gift Clusters

Definition: The combination of gifts you have.

Common Clusters: Pastor-_____; Leadership-_____; Mercy-_____; Intercession-_____;



6. Gift Projection

- Definition: Believing that everyone in the Body should be able to do the _____ you can do, because of your _____.

“_____ should be able to _____ this gift.”

7. Gift Exaltation

- Definition: Believing that your gift is the _____ than other people’s spiritual gifts.

“This gift is the _____, & only _____ people have it.”

8. Charismatic Gifts

Also called the “Sign Gifts” because they are a sign of God’s _____ & _____.

This was to _____ the early church from false teachers:

This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. (Hebrews 2:3-4)

An illustration of this principle at work (Acts 8:4-25):

Acts 8:4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city. [Always the end result of using your gifts]



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Acts 8:9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is the divine power known as the Great Power.” 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

Acts 8:14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money 19 and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 8:20 Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”

Acts 8:24 Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”

Acts 8:25 When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.



9. Counterfeit Gifts

- Definition: Spiritual abilities which outwardly _____ genuine, but have no _____ impact on the spiritual health of the _____.

- Example of false Prophecy, Apostleship, & Miracles:

For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect — if that were possible. (Matthew 24:24)

- Example of False Miracles:

Exodus 7:8 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 9 “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

Exodus 7:10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. 11 Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: 12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. (Exodus 7:8-12)

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:13)



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Discussion Questions:

1. Do the gift classifications make sense to you?
2. How would you describe the difference between a natural talent & spiritual gift?
3. Why is the fruit of the Spirit important when using your spiritual gifts?
4. What are some Christian roles you have practiced? Were they accompanied by the use of spiritual gifts?
5. Do you think that you have a gift cluster? What might it be?
6. Have you ever experience Gift Projection or Exaltation?
7. What is your opinion of the charismatic gifts?
8. Do you believe that counterfeit gifts are real?

❖ HOMEWORK: work on Heart, Ability, Personality of MMI