

"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life!" - 2 Corinthians 2:14

TWCC Teaching Handout – The Holy Spirit - His Gifts, Manifestations, Demonstrations and Ministry – Part 1 – by Pastor Ed Woodus Wednesday, 7-5-2017

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1 - 28

Definitions and Different Types of Gifts and Ministries:

- **Spiritual Gifts:** Greek = "Charisma" (Romans 12 and Ephesians 4:7): a Divine gratuity; a spiritual endowment; free gift; the gift of Divine grace; benefit; gracious, joy gift; [grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the Church (Body) of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of Divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit]. (1) *Prophecy* (2) *Ministry* (3) *Teaching* (4) *Exhort* [Encouragement] (5) *Giving* (6) *Rules* and (7) *Showing Mercy*
- <u>Ministry Gifts</u>: Greek "Doma" (<u>Ephesians 4:8, 11</u>): ministry; ministration; administration; governing [ruling] = (1) *Apostles* (2) *Prophets* (3) *Evangelists* (4) *Pastors* and (5) *Teachers*
- 7 Prominent Ministries in the Local Church by the Help (Anointing) of Holy Spirit and Grace of God Working Through The Believer: (1) Ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4; 2 Timothy 4:1 2) (2) Ministry of Prayer (Act 6:4; 1 Timothy 2:1 8; Ephesians 6:18-20)(3) Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18 20) (4) Ministry of Restoration (Galatians 6:1, 2) (5) Ministry of Helps (1 Corinthians 12:28) (6) Ministry of Encouragement (Acts 27:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:12; Titus 1:9; Titus 2:15; Hebrews 3:13) (7) Ministry of Comfort [Consolation] (2 Corinthians 1:3 7; 1 Thess 4:13 18)

COMPACTING OF THE BODY – "MAKING INCREASE OF THE BODY!"

- Ephesians 4:15, 16 (NKJV) "15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."
- <u>1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)</u> "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."
- <u>We have been knitted together in Jesus</u>. Once covenant has been made, you're never a single person again. We comprehend God together. Isolation and independence is not God-plan for us.
- **The Body is our Divine Calling**. To minister to Jesus, the Body, is the calling of every joint in the Body. The ministry of the Body is reconciliation.
- Manifestations of the Holy Spirit are given to minister to Jesus by ministering to His Body.

- Key Points about "Body Building" to "Make Increase" or "Contribute Increase" is:
 - o (1) Everyone has a SUPPLY TO MAKE.
 - Spiritual Supply (Prayer, Gifts, Graces, Anointing and Manifestations)
 - Natural Supply (Talent, Abilities, Education, Experience)
 - Resource Supply (Time, Money, Material/Equipment)
 - o (2) Everyone is to WORK EFFECTIVELY.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR VISION AS A PART OF THE BIGGER VISION OF CHURCH

- **Proverbs 29:18** "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."
- The word "**perish**" here does not mean to die physically. From the original Greek text, it means "to be stripped of honor and dignity." We can conclude therefore, that vision is the pathway to honor and dignity.
- Knowing where you are going and what to do to get there generates confidence.
- **WHAT IS VISION?** Vision means to <u>SEE</u>. In our context, it means to see ahead. It is the ability to have a pre-knowledge of an upcoming event.
 - VISION generates two primary things is the life of the believer: (1) <u>Direction</u> and (2) <u>Momentum</u>
- It is more interesting to know that God has a plan for His people both as a body and as individuals. We serve a decent and orderly God. He is not the author of confusion. He is a God of plans and purposes.
- **Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou comest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."
- **Galatians 1:15** "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace."
- GOD STILL CALLS PEOPLE TODAY FROM THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB. YOURS AND MY JOURNEY BEGAN AT THE NEW BIRTH AND SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
- Understand that you are born to fulfill a predetermined course. A discovery of that course is what is called a CALLING.
- EVERY BELIEVER HAS A PECULIAR CALLING, A PECULIAR PURPOSE WHICH HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO HIM OR HER BEFORE THEY WAS BORN. EVERY BELIEVER HAS BEEN CALLED TO CARRY OUT A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
- As a member of the body, you are a steward of a particular function. GOD CALLED YOU TO CARRY OUT THIS FUNCTION. IT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE PULPIT.
- MINISTRY IS OCCUPYING YOUR POSITION AS ASSIGNED BY GOD. VISION IS A DIVINE INSIGHT INTO GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU. YOU HAVE A MINISTRY AND IT IS YOUR DUTY TO DISCOVER IT! LOCATE YOUR MINISTRY AND BEGIN TO MANIFEST IN IT. THE FUTURE OF EVERY BELIEVER DEPENDS ON THE DISCOVERY OF HIS OR HER CALLING.
- Have you come across a body which is just one big eye? Or one which is one big mouth? No! A body is made up of different members.
- Know this: No calling is of a <u>LOW</u> status. Every calling, every function is a <u>HIGH</u> calling. Every calling culminates in glory. Every member of a king's body has a royal aroma.

ACTIVATE YOUR ANOINTING

- What is the Anointing again? <u>Isaiah 10:28</u> (The burden removing, yoke destroying power of God)
- The Anointing is a Divine endowment given by the Holy Spirit rendering believers' holy and separated unto God for their particular work in the ministry.
- Further, the Anointing symbolizes equipment (God-given gifts, talents, and abilities) for service. Every believer has been allocated and anointed to activate his God-given GIFTS, TALENTS, and ABILITIES.
- HOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR ANOINTING
- **1st** The Holy Spirit is the agent in sanctification (<u>2 Thessalonians 2:13</u>). If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you have been CALLED and ANOINTED unto God by the Holy Spirit.
- **2nd** The ANOINTING and increase of the anointing comes by the infilling of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:4; Acts 13:52; Ephesians 5:18**) Never mistake your receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues as the end of the journey. This is just an introduction to the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Anointing is the force of the power of God operating in and on an individual. It is the power of the Holy Spirit, the Enabler.
- WITHOUT THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, EVERY ASSIGNMENT BECOMES HARD! THE ANOINTING IS A DIVINE "_______" TO MAKE MINISTRY TRIUMPHANT NOT "TASK"-ORIENTED AND HEAVY-LADEN!
- 3rd Revelation is an aspect of ANOINTING. The Holy Spirit reveals God's plan (step upon step) and teaches the believer how to execute it. The only way a believer can hear the Holy Spirit reveal God's plan for his life is to STEP OUT AND BECOME INVOLVED IN A LOCAL BODY (Church). A believer's God-given gifts, talents, and abilities are the body of Christ. Acts 13:1 The gifts operate in the church; therefore, the believer must become involved in a church in order to find his/her spiritual/ministry gift(s) (place) in the body of Christ. (Isaiah 28:10) Being led by the Spirit of God is a training process.
- 4th The only way a believer can find his equipment (God-given gifts, talents, and abilities) for service is by using them.
- Many believers are waiting until they see physical proof of their abilities before getting involved in the church.
- The equipment for service received from the Father God is activated by use.
- These gifts, talents, and abilities are supernatural and cannot be seen with your natural eye. <u>When you use them they become tangible</u>.
- **5th** The crucial key to operating in your gifts, talents, and abilities is being AVAILABLE in a local church.
- YOU ARE THE EXTENDED OUTREACH OF THE LOCAL CHURCH!
- Your entire lifestyle is a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ!
- Every believer has an anointing that abides within him permanently. The anointing you have received from the Holy Spirit is Divine calling. God has separated you unto Himself for a particular work here on earth.
- Stepping out without your anointing is like going out to play football without your equipment. Your flesh will soon realize it can't handle the punishment.
- The anointing is God's "<u>Protection Plan"</u> for believers enabling them to fulfill their calling and Divine assignment.