

THE GIFTS OF GOD

HOW CAN WE OPERATE IN THE GIFTS OF GOD ?

(1) BE ANOINTED BY GOD (1 Cor 1:5)

Romans 11 (Amplified Bible) 29, For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]

(2) RECEIVE THE "PROMISES" (Acts 1:4-5)

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Acts 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

(3) THE LAYING ON OF HANDS (Rom 6:1-3)

1Tim. 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

2Tim. 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Acts 6:6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

(4) ASSOCIATION (Elisha – Elishua)

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Matt. 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

(5) "HUNGER" TO USE THEM

Cor. 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1Cor. 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

1Cor. 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.

(6) PRAY TO BE ANOINTED TO HELP THE "WOUNDED" (COMPASSION)

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

(1) THE GIFTS FROM THE FATHER (MODIVATIONAL) (ROM 12:4-8)

Rom. 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Rom. 12:5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Rom. 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

Rom. 12:7 Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Rom. 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

ROM 12:4-8 (AMP) 4 For as in one physical body we have many parts (organs, members) and all of these parts do not have the same function *or* use,

5 So we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ (the Messiah) and individually we are parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another].

6 Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith;

7 [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching;

8 He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity *and* liberality; he who gives aid *and* superintends, with zeal *and* singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness *and* joyful eagerness.

(2) GIFTS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

1Cor. 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Cor. 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1Cor. 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Cor. 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1Cor. 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

1Cor. 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

1Cor. 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1Cor. 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

(3) THE "OFFICES" FROM JESUS

Eph. 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)

Eph. 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph. 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph. 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph. 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

(4) "THE MORE EXELEN WAY"

1Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1Cor. 13:2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1Cor. 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

1Cor. 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1Cor. 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

1Cor. 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

1Cor. 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1Cor. 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1Cor. 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

1Cor. 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1Cor. 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1Cor. 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1Cor. 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.