

# WOC INTERNATIONAL

## Differentiating Gifts from Callings

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#### Seminar 1 Review

##### Terms

**Spiritual Gifts - Special Spirit given abilities (i.e., graces) given to perform works of service**

**Spiritual Callings - Various outlets the Spirit's uses to manifest His "expressions of grace"**

**Spiritual Fruit - Gracious dispositions and habits the Spirit produces in those He dwells**

**Reality - Spirituality is not measured by gifts or callings, but by spiritual fruit**

**Fruit, not gifts or callings, is the offspring of divine character**

**Gifts & callings are just the outlet the Spirit uses to His display of character through**

#### Seminar 2

##### 3 Spiritual Gift Realities

**Reality 1 - Gifts or charisms are not strictly 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tools as many think**

*Eph 4:7-8 "Each one of us, however, has been given grace to be measured by the Messiah's bounty. 8 This is why it says, "After he went up into the heights, he led captivity captive and he gave gifts to mankind." CJB*

**Prophecy, miracles, healing, & casting out devils occurred before the Resurrection**

*Mark 6:12-13 "So they set out and preached that people should turn from sin to God, 13 they expelled many demons, and they anointed many sick people with oil and healed them."*

**Reality 2 - Gifts or charisms have a dual \_\_\_\_\_ - Edification and maturation**

*Eph 4:11-13 "Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries, some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News, and some as shepherds and teachers. 12 Their task is to equip God's people for the work of service that builds the body of the Messiah, 13 until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection." CJB*

**Possessing a gift isn't a source of pride, personal enrichment, or result of personal merit**

*1 Peter 4:10-11 "As each one has received some spiritual gift, he should use it to serve others, like good managers of God's many-sided grace — 11 if someone speaks, let him speak God's words; if someone serves, let him do so out of strength that God supplies; so that in everything God may be glorified through Yeshua the Messiah — to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen." CJB*

**Reality 3 - Gifts or charisms are supernaturally wrought and bestowed by \_\_\_\_\_ grace**

*1 Cor 12:4 "Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit gives them." CJB*

**Believers are not responsible for the possession of a gift; they are the usage of it**

*Rom 12:6 "But we have gifts that differ and which are meant to be used according to the grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, use it to the extent of your trust"*

#### Notes 1

## **“Not exercising” a gift at an appointed time is one way to quench the Spirit**

1 Thess 5:19-21 “Don’t quench the Spirit, 20 don’t despise inspired messages. 21 But do test everything – hold onto what is good” CJB

### **3 Spiritual Gift Truths**

#### **Truth 1 - There is no set number of gifts or charisms**

**They are as many diverse spiritual gifts as there are diverse human talents**

#### **Truth 2 - All believers have at least 3 gifts (2 common corporate and 1 personal variable)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Gift or charism common to all believers - Gift of \_\_\_\_\_**

##### **Why do believers have this corporate gift? - It’s needed for corporate directions**

John 16:13 “However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will also announce to you the events of the future.” CJB

**Do not confuse the GIFT of prophecy with the OFFICE of prophet**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Gift or charism common to all believers - Gift of \_\_\_\_\_**

##### **Why do believers have this corporate gift? - Needed to fulfill the Great Commission**

Matt 28:19-20 “Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age.” CJB

**Do not confuse the GIFT of evangelism with the OFFICE of evangelist**

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Gifts or charisms that varies among believers - \_\_\_\_\_ gift**

Rom 12:7-8 “7 if it is serving, use it to serve; if you are a teacher, use your gift in teaching; 8 if you are a counselor, use your gift to comfort and exhort; if you are someone who gives, do it simply and generously; if you are in a position of leadership, lead with diligence and zeal; if you are one who does acts of mercy, do them cheerfully.” CJB

##### **Why do believers have this personal gift? - Is needed to bear fruit in their lot & spot**

Matt 25:26-27 “You wicked, lazy servant!’ said his master, ‘So you knew, did you, that I harvest where I haven’t planted? and that I gather where I didn’t sow seed? 27 Then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, so that when I returned, I would at least have gotten back interest with my capital!” CJB

**What would “interest” be to the Gentile? - Becoming a believer**

**What would “interest” be to the believer? - Edifying the Body**

#### **Truth 3 - Gifts or charisms fall into 3 general service categories**

1 Cor 12:7-10 “Moreover, to each person is given the particular manifestation of the Spirit that will be for the common good. 8 To one, through the Spirit, is given a word of wisdom; to another, a word of knowledge, in accordance with the same Spirit; 9 to another, faith, by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing, by the one Spirit; 10 to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to judge between spirits; to another, the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; and to yet another, the ability to interpret tongues.” CJB

## **Notes 2**

## Class 1 - Gifts that promote spiritual growth and development

**Word of \_\_\_\_\_ - An experience, insight, and discernment into God's Word  
That solves a problem the person or others are experiencing or will experience  
And motivates them to trust in the Father in ways they haven't before**

**Word of \_\_\_\_\_ - Supernatural expertise related to understanding a situation  
That lies beyond a person's normal comprehension**

Acts 5:1-3 "But there was a man named Hananyah who, with his wife Shappirah, sold some property 2 and, with his wife's knowledge, withheld some of the proceeds for himself; although he did bring the rest to the emissaries. 3 Then Kefa said, "Why has the Adversary so filled your heart that you lie to the Ruach HaKodesh and keep back some of the money you received for the land?" CJB

**\_\_\_\_\_ - Special ability to trust God beyond the limits normally done  
That's based on an extraordinary confidence in His promises, power, & presence  
Knowing that all obstacles to fulfilling His purposes will be overcome**

1 Cor 13:2 "I may have the gift of prophecy, I may fathom all mysteries, know all things, have all faith — enough to move mountains; but if I lack love, I am nothing." CJB

## Class 2 - Gifts that promote worship

**Gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ - Inexplicable ability to restore health or temporarily hold off death  
That's brought on by a trusting response to a revelation of the Spirit; not prayer**

Acts 9:39-40 "Kefa got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him into the upstairs room. All the widows stood by him, sobbing and showing all the dresses and coats Tavita had made them while she was still with them. 40 But Kefa put them all outside, kneeled down and prayed. Then, turning to the body, he said, "Tavita! Get up!" She opened her eyes; and on seeing Kefa, she sat up." CJB

**Note - Commanding a healing and praying for a healing aren't the same**

**Peter didn't pray over Tavita's body, he prayed and then turned to her body!**

**Scientific breakthroughs or increased surgical abilities are not gifts of healing**

**Working of \_\_\_\_\_ - Supernatural ability to manifest God's power in a situation  
That is beyond the natural realm and its laws to accomplish the Father's will**

Acts 13:9-11 "Then Sha'ul, also known as Paul, filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, stared straight at him and said, 10 "You son of Satan, full of fraud and evil! You enemy of everything good! Won't you ever stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 So now, look! The hand of the Lord is upon you; and for a while you will be blind, unable to see the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over Elymas; and he groped about, trying to find someone to lead him by the hand." CJB

**\_\_\_\_\_ - Inspired disclosure of the future intended to inspire fear & awe of God**

## Notes 3

### **That should be recognized, but are not equal to Scripture**

Acts 11:27-28 “During this time, some prophets came down from Yerushalayim to Antioch; 28 and one of them named Agav stood up and through the Spirit predicted that there was going to be a severe famine throughout the Roman Empire. (It took place while Claudius was Emperor.)” CJB

### **Class 3 - Gifts that provide clarity regarding truth and error, good and evil**

**Discernment of \_\_\_\_\_ - Supernatural ability to instinctually determine**

**Whether something is of the Spirit, a person’s own spirit, or an evil spirit**

1 Cor 14:29 “Let two or three prophets speak, while the others weigh what is said.”

**Human perception is not the gift of discerning of spirits**

**Speaking in \_\_\_\_\_ - Supernatural ability to speak an unlearned, living language**

Acts 2:11 “Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews from Crete and from Arabia.! How is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done?”

**But these languages were not spiritual evidence of the indwelling Spirit as**

**Those who spoke in tongues when receiving the Gospel were a select group**

**Who either believed in John the Baptist only or knew nothing of Yeshua**

Acts 19:3-6 “In that case,” he said, “into what were you immersed?” “The immersion of Yochanan,” they answered. 4 Sha’ul said, “Yochanan practiced an immersion in connection with turning from sin to God; but he told the people to put their trust in the one who would come after him, that is, in Yeshua.” 5 On hearing this, they were immersed into the name of the Lord Yeshua; 6 and when Sha’ul placed his hands on them, the Ruach HaKodesh came upon them; so that they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.”

**All believers do not possess this spiritual gift, hence Paul’s rhetorical question**

1 Cor 12:30 “Not all have gifts of healing, not all speak in tongues, not all interpret, do they?” CJB

**Speaking/praying in a language you know is not operating in this gift**

**Ability to \_\_\_\_\_ tongues - Translating a message in tongue in ordinary language**

1 Cor 14:27-28 “If the gift of tongues is exercised, let it be by two or at most three, and each in turn; and let someone interpret. 28 And if there is no one present who can interpret, let the people who speak in tongues keep silent when the congregation meets — they can speak to themselves and to God.” CJB

## **Questions**

**Why are spiritual gifts greatly misunderstood?**

**1 - They are often mistaken for the fruit of the Spirit**

**2 - They are often confused with natural talents that even unbelievers possess**

**What happens when believers misunderstand the true nature of these gifts?**

**1 - They will \_\_\_\_\_ certain abilities with certain groups or in certain geographical areas**

**2 - They will \_\_\_\_\_ their personal responsibilities in the development and use of gifts**

**3 - They will \_\_\_\_\_ to allow the spiritual gifts to work in conjunction with the taproots**

**What happens when believers think the only gifts available are those listed in Scripture?**