

“Understanding the Supernaturally Gifted Church” 10/25/09

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sermon Series- “Understanding the Nature and Function of the Church”

Background/Context- What is the task of the church: evangelism of the whole world, being a light, witness of being true disciples, building up the church- Ephesians 4:11-16.... Someone has said all the gifts are reflective of Jesus.

POINT 1- In order to fulfill our task we need to understand the PERCEPTION of the gifts.

- A. The perception of the gifts is in contrast to the PAGAN RELIGIONS (Acts 17:16-34; 2 Tim 3:5; 1 Tim 4:1-4; Rev 17:1-5; Ezek 8:14; 2 Cor 11)

Story of Tony Cunningham’s instance of “tongues” cursing the Lord
Going God expects you to begin making yourself aware of the gifts (and yours)!
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POINT 2- In order to fulfill our task we need to understand the PROVENANCE of the gifts.

- A. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts, ministries, and EFFECTS (Rom 5:15-16; 6:23; 1 Peter 4:10; Mark 10:45; Matt 13:23- 30, 60, 100)

Going God expects us to check out hearts and give Him the glory!
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POINT 3- In order to fulfill our task we need to understand the PROFIT of the gifts.

- A. The profit of the gifts is rooted in the Spirit, but given to each ONE (Romans 12:3-6; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 4:7)
- B. The profit of the gifts is rooted in the Spirit, but meant for OTHERS (1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:5, 12, 17, 19, 22; 1 Peter 4:10)
- C. The profit of the gifts is rooted in the Spirit, but is DIVERSE
1) word of wisdom; 2) word of knowledge; 3) faith; 4) gifts of healings;
5) working of miracles; 6) prophecy; 7) discerning of spirits; 8) different kinds of languages; 8) interpretation of languages;
From Romans 12:6-8: 9) prophecy; 10) service; 11) teaching;
12) encouragement; 13) financial giving; 14) leadership; 15) mercy
- D. The profit of the gifts is rooted in the Spirit, but is given as HE WILLS (Romans 12:3; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:7- “given” not “taken”)

Going God expects us to actually use our gifts for the benefit of others!
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