



Spiritual Gifts

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Preface

At times we yearn for realities other than the one we are living in. This was my case since I was a kid.

From childhood, I always loved to listen to those who could see in the spirit. I was fascinated with angelic encounters, the heavenly visits, but most of all, I searched for visitation stories. Anyone with a spiritual story could grab my attention as long as Jesus Christ was the center of the encounter of course.

Without paying much attention to my reality, I prioritized others' perspective of seeing in the spirit. Come to find out, I have been seeing in the spirit all along, but because it didn't look like others experiences, because my version did not meet my own expectations, and because I couldn't experience it with my physical eyes, I did not consider it a reality. Holy Spirit had to explain to me the difference between reality and sight; just because you cannot see a thing with your physical eyes does not mean that you cannot interact with it! Would you say to a blind person that because they don't see this world, therefore they're unable to interact with it? No! This is no different from experiencing the spiritual realm.

The same as we can experience the reality of our physical realm with our senses, so can we experience the spiritual realm through touch, vision (whether asleep, or awake, or out of body), sound, smell, taste, emotionally and so on! The way each one of us interacts and experiences the spiritual realm might differ from one person to another, but it does in no way diminish its reality. For instance, someone may be having out of body experiences while another person might only be interacting with the spiritual realm through energy sensation or through sound or smell and so forth.

The same way a blind man can visualize obstacles through echo location, so can someone use their senses to visualize the spiritual realm.

In my case I experience the spiritual realm through sensing the energy. At times I would have visions when I sleep or even daydream. However, because I rarely see anything with my physical eyes, the enemy almost tricked me into believing that what I was experiencing wasn't real. Sadly I believed that lie for some years until Jesus Christ rescued me from it and told me to start writing down my spiritual encounters, visitations and other experiences.

Many times I have received information directly downloaded into my mind; and at times it got so intense that I felt like I was going to lose my mind. Fortunately, Holy Spirit guided me to journal my encounters and this greatly relieved the intensity of potentially losing my mind. As a result, writing became a way to regulate what I was feeling while also keeping a written record of my experiences.

Overtime I wrote down many encounters that Holy Spirit allowed me to share in my books for the sake of edification and reassurance about the reality of the spiritual realm and the reality of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit.

Introduction

Have you ever watched a superhero movie and wondered, "Man! What a life it would've been, if I had superpowers!"

Well! Holy Spirit already gave you those abilities and much more. As human beings, we were all given gifts to help make this world a better place to be.

Some people discover their gifts early on in life and proceed into investing them for selfish gain while others leave theirs dormant. Others choose to become Christ followers and therefore devote their gifts into serving the Kingdom of Light (Jesus Christ).

In time, those who invested their gifts in pursuit of selfish gain end up losing their souls in pursuit of worldly riches.

The ones who left their gifts dormant end up miserable and lifeless for failure of living up to their purpose.

Meanwhile, the third group ends up better off for choosing to devote themselves and their gifts into serving God (Jesus Christ).

The third group ends up finding out that these gifts, or superpowers so to speak, can only be safely wielded under the guidance of The One Who gives them, Holy Spirit.

In other words, in order to fully unleash the powers within the gifts without losing your mind, and your soul, you must live a life of prayer, discipline, self-control and so on. You must cultivate The Fruit of the Spirit in order to safely wield the gift.

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

These are the characteristics that we ought to display while serving through our gifts in obedience to God with humility and love. Without the Fruit of the Spirit, the enemy aka the powers of darkness (the devil) will succeed in deceiving you into self-destruction and consequently you will lose your soul.

So if today you will like to dedicate your life to Jesus Christ, you may pray the following prayer.

The Sinner's Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of peace, King of kings, reigning from everlasting to everlasting. I thank You for the love that You have for me and for this life that You have given me. Forgive me of my sins and deliver me from all the wicked things that I have done in my life. I also forgive anyone who has sinned against me or offended me. As said in Romans 10: 9 (NKJV), "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

I confess and believe it Lord and I thank You for saving me. I made up my mind today to say "Yes" to follow You and to accept Your call in my life; I want to make You my Lord and Savior and I am willing to pick up my cross daily and follow You.

Lord, let Your will be done in my life and thank You for giving me the strength to face my cross so I can learn to be more like You.

Lord I come to You just as I am and I thank You for receiving me and making me a new creation in You. I praise You, I magnify You, I glorify You and I've prayed in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Amen!

The Reality

The spiritual realm is vast and infinite; it ranges from darkness to light with the darkness aka the powers of darkness being the lowest state of existence and the Light aka the Kingdom of Light being the highest state of existence.

In between, we have our reality, the physical realm where we are made of matter, yet with some spiritual capabilities through faith as Jesus Christ said in *Mark 9:23 (NKJV)*, “*Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”*”

By comparison, what we call physical realm is not even worth 0.01% of what is out there. Our reality is not even equivalent to a fraction of the spiritual reality. Heck, consider time for example. How many years does a human being have in this reality? A hundred and twenty years? Maybe! Then again, what is a hundred and twenty years compared to ten thousand years? Better yet, what is ten thousand years compared to a million years? Furthermore, what is a million years compared to an eternity?

This analogy of time will quickly bring into perspective the micro-standard of our reality. However, don't be deceived. This reality might be very micro indeed, but it still defines where we get to spend our eternity when leave.

The Spiritual Gifts

God, The Creator of all (including the physical realm) is Spirit as written in *John 4:24 (NKJV)*, “*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*”

This scripture alone testifies of the reality of the spiritual realm and of its importance, since The Origin of all is Spirit. This means that what we call physical is none other than an extension of the spiritual. As a result knowing the Spiritual is also part of our quest in knowing God.

As a matter of fact God gives us an invitation to grow beyond the physicality of Biblical knowledge in *Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)*, “*‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’*”

The Bible that is the Word of God goes beyond the physical! God's Word created everything. So, why should we be skeptical to venture into spiritual horizons just because they're not described in the Bible?! That's absurd, it's like saying that, because gravity is not mentioned in the Bible therefore we should not bother with it.

Well, play around and fall and you will find out how real gravity is.

Anyways, as we accept God's invitation, we will begin to enter the reality of the spiritual realm through visions, dreams (whether asleep or awake), through out of body experiences; or furthermore, through live experiences as vivid as the physical world that we see.

Either way, the way we experience the spiritual realm involves our senses; sensing or touching, visualizing, hearing, smelling, tasting, thinking, speaking (through writing, singing, and other verbal communication etc.), feeling (through emotional communication), and so on.

All these are ways that Holy Spirit uses to communicate with us and relate the reality of the spiritual realm (including heaven) to us.

Learning about the spiritual realm (heaven) is very beneficial to a Christ follower. After all, it testifies of the reality of the Father's House where Jesus Christ went to prepare a place for us as mentioned in *John 14:1-3 (NKJV)*, *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

In fact, since everything originated from the Spirit, it goes without saying that in order to properly navigate this earthly physical reality, we must first get in touch with The Origin, Himself, God (Jesus Christ). As a result, we must get accustomed to how Holy Spirit communicates to us. Then as we begin to pay attention, Holy Spirit will also begin to impart deeper revelations and valuable knowledge regarding things we are ignorant about; things like spiritual abilities (gifts) that He bestows upon us and how to wield them safely.

In a sense, we cannot go after spiritual gifts without interacting with the spiritual realm; and the safest way to interact with the spiritual realm is through Holy Spirit! Any other way is a form of witchcraft! They form a package; the journey toward spiritual gift will take you through the spiritual realm, then again in order to safely navigate the spiritual realm, you will need Holy Spirit. There is no way around it.

Now, as you journey and receive the revelation about your gift, you will find out that Holy Spirit carefully gives them accordingly and tailors them to the person intended to receive them. Also, the gifts are bestowed to serve and to edify one another. God made it that way to encourage unity, because we need one another.

Also, finding your gift and walking in it plays a factor in finding who you are vis-à-vis of God. After all, your gift is how you can be of

service to the Kingdom of Light; it is the engine driving your ministry. Your identity will always remain in Jesus Christ of course; nonetheless your gift enables you to contribute to the Kingdom of Light (by serving and bringing others into the Light).

In the physical realm, our spiritual gifts are reflected as talents or skills. For instance, someone with the gift of healing would be a great caregiver, or therapist, or a doctor; someone with the gift of wisdom would be an engineer, or a carpenter, or an inventor; someone with the gift of tongues would be multilingual, have good communication skills, or be a good interpreter, and so on.

No matter what your talent or skill might be, a closer look at them will reveal that they fall under one or many of the gifts of the spirit listed in *1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NKJV)*, “for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

The Word of Wisdom

The gift of the word of wisdom is The Holy Spirit's given ability to understand God's will and to apply divine truth to specific, often complex situations. This gift goes beyond knowledge, because knowledge is gathering facts, while wisdom is the application of those facts to make righteous decisions.

Those equipped with such a gift usually undergo a long period of preparation in order to be ready for their ministry. They must first get accustomed with the Word of God, Jesus Christ and then receive the revelation that Christ is also Wisdom Himself as depicted in *Proverbs 8:12-36 (NKJV)*, “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth. I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries. “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, Then I was beside

Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men. "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the Lord; But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death." "

An example of the gift of wisdom is demonstrated by Joseph who, under divine guidance was revealed Pharaoh's dreams and also shown the solution as mentioned in *Genesis 41:28-36 (NKJV)*, *"This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe. And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine." "*

The Word of Knowledge

The gift of the word of knowledge is The Holy Spirit's given ability to understand divine truths and hidden realities. This implies that one must first begin with the basis gift of knowledge which is The Word of God in order to know Truth Himself, Jesus Christ, before moving onto the gift.

Those equipped with such a gift can receive divine insight or revelation about people, situations, or the mysteries of God.

Receiving such information could be devastating to a person who is not walking closer with Christ. They might become prideful and fall for that matter, or they might go insane or harm others for lack of knowing how to properly handle such information.

These are the people who can randomly tell you things about you, like Jesus Christ did with the Samaritan woman in *John 4:16-18 (NKJV)*, *"Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered and said, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.' "*

The Gift of Healing

The gift of healing is The Holy Spirit's given ability to cure diseases and infirmities without human means. This often involves the laying of hands, a prayer, a therapy, or other means according to how Holy Spirit sees fit to produce a supernatural healing. Even deliverance from demons falls under the category of the gift of healing.

To some extent, the gift of healing resembles the gift of the working of miracles, because the healings taking place are often miraculous. In an instant the person who was sick, in pain and diseased, is made well, restored and the pain is gone.

An example of the gift of healing is demonstrated by Jesus Christ Himself in *Mark 5:25-30 (NKJV)*, *“Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.” Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?” ”*

Another example of the gift of healing involving deliverance from demons is found in *Luke 8:30-36 (NKJV)*, *“Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the*

man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.”

As a side note, in regards to healing involving therapy, Holy Spirit has a Truth Serum available.

We can call on Holy Spirit to pour out His Truth serum or to give someone His Truth Serum to bring out things (the truth) that the person buried, hid, forgot about or even blocked out; The Serum will expose the person's heart as well.

A good moment to call for Holy Spirit's Truth Serum in therapy is when dealing with buried traumas that need to be brought to light for prayer.

Be advised however, that The Truth Serum is not under your control, but under Holy Spirit's power. Even the one calling for The Serum is not immune from the effect of The Serum. Therefore, make sure that both parties are ready to face truth, honesty and sincerity before calling for The Serum.

The Gift of Faith

The gift of faith is The Holy Spirit's given ability to demonstrate unshakeable confidence in God's power during specific trials or challenges.

An example of the gift of faith is demonstrated by Daniel, who was thrown into the lions' den and was saved as mentioned in *Daniel 6:21-22 (NKJV)*, *“Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.” ”*

The Working of Miracles

The gift of working miracles is The Holy Spirit's given ability to transcend natural law; this gift can defy the laws of physics.

We usually confuse the working of miracles with miraculous healings. Even though the gift of healing can perform miracles (in the healing department), it differs from the gift of the working of miracles, because the gifts of miracles goes beyond working miracles just in regards to healing. For instance, the gift of the working of miracles can miraculously fix something broken (a car, an electronic device, etc.). Or one equipped with such a gift can call fire from heaven like the prophet Elijah did in *1 Kings 18:36-39 (NKJV)*, *"And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!" "*

Another great example of the gift of the working of miracles was performed by Jesus Christ Himself in *Matthew 14:19-21 (NKJV)*, *"Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children."*

The Gift of Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is The Holy Spirit's given ability to declare God's truth, spontaneously revealing His Mind and Heart.

Instead of just predicting the future ("fore-telling"), the gift of prophecy is primarily a gift of proclamation ("forth-telling") intended to edify, encourage, and comfort the church.

An example of the gift of prophecy is demonstrated by Agabus in *Acts 11:27-30 (NKJV)*, *"And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."*

As a side note, because of the foresight capability involved in the gift of prophecy, in the spiritual realm the spirit of prophecy is symbolized by a white eagle, with The Word of God, Jesus Christ, being the greatest of all. This is why some revelations about Jesus Christ depict Him as the Great White Eagle in heaven.

Discerning Spirits

The gift of discerning spirits is The Holy Spirit's given ability to supernaturally distinguish whether a person's behavior, teaching, or whether a spiritual manifestation is from Holy Spirit, the powers of darkness, or from the human spirit.

An example of the gift of discerning spirits is demonstrated by Paul the apostle in *Acts 16:16-18 (NKJV)*, *"Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, 'These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.' And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And he came out that very hour."*

Speaking in Tongues

The Bible indicates that speaking in tongues is either to supernaturally speak a specific human language (to spread the gospel to foreigners) or speak in an unlearned spiritual language (used for personal prayer and congregational worship).

An example of supernaturally speaking human languages occurred in the day of Pentecost as mentioned in *Acts 2:1-12 (NKJV)*, *“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, ‘Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.’ So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘Whatever could this mean?’ ”*

The other example of speaking in tongues in a sense of unlearned spiritual language is mentioned in *I Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV)*, *“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”*

This later version of speaking in tongues is mostly used in prayer, in intercession and in church gatherings. However, for the sake of edification, the use of this gift in church gatherings should call for its complementary gift that is the gift of interpretation of tongues.

The Interpretation of Tongues

The gift of interpretation of tongues is complementary to the speaking in tongues, because it conveys the message given in tongues into the human language that the congregation present can understand.

Paul the apostle even advised not pray in tongues during church gatherings unless one with the gift of the interpretation of tongues is present, as mentioned in *1 Corinthians 14:26-28 (NKJV)*, “*How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.*”

The Great Commission

The Great Commission refers to the things Christ instructed us to do as mentioned in *Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV)*, “*And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*”

In a sense, there are abilities within the great Commission granted to every believer to work signs and wonders.

The difference between the abilities within the Great Commission and the spiritual gifts is the authority.

With spiritual gifts, Holy Spirit bestows greater authority while the abilities within the Great Commission are granted through covenant promise. As a result, all Christ followers can cast out demons, but not all Christ followers can be deliverance ministers; all Christ followers have faith, but not all have the gift of faith; all Christ followers can speak (pray) in tongues, but not all have the gift of tongues, and so on.

The gift is what ordains a Christ follower for his ministry. In other words, the qualification is not based on knowledge or education, but rather based on grace through Holy Spirit Who graciously gives to each as He sees fit as mentioned in *I Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)*, “*But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*”

Nonetheless, a level of sanctification (closeness with Holy Spirit) is required from the minister in order to walk with power and authority within his ministry; and some ministries might combine more gifts than others.

As ranked in *I Corinthians 12:28 (NKJV)*, “*And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*”

The ministries in the church are ranked according to the spiritual gifts (Holy Spirit); the closer to Holy Spirit you are, the more gifted you are, and therefore the greater your ministry.

For instance, the apostles were the closest to Christ, and they were able to virtually demonstrate all the gifts, from speaking in tongues, to healing, teaching, prophesying, working miracles and so on. To put this in perspective, in the case of the gift of healing (which also includes deliverance), the minister might be required to discern spirits through the gift of discerning spirits, have knowledge and wisdom through the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom in order to receive divine guidance against the forces of darkness, and so on; and all of these gifts must be paired up with the willingness to storm the gates of hell for others through the authority in Jesus Christ's Name given along the Great Commission to cast out demons. Once combine, all these gifts and ability would give birth to a deliverance/healing minister.

On the other end, as we go down the rank of ministries we can also noticed that less and less gifts are involved in the ministries. Nonetheless, the ranking in ministries is not to be mistaken with their importance.

In fact, Paul the apostle used the body as an analogy in reference to the importance of all ministries, as mentioned in *I Chorinthians 12:14-27 (NKJV)*, “*For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the*

members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. "

Also, love and humility must always be in the heart of the ministry in order to operate in alignment with Holy Spirit.

Without love, the ministry is not going to profit much to The Kingdom of God according to *1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)*, "*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 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, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*"

Also, without humility the minister himself will end up defecting to the powers of darkness due to pride.

That being said, the safest walk to have with our gifts is the one paired up with a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

The closer the relationship with Jesus Christ the greater the love, humility and wisdom; the greater these get, the greater the gifts

become. They are all intertwined and participate in the growth of the gifts.

Through love we position ourselves to grow in authority. Through humility we position ourselves to grow in spiritual ranks and through wisdom we position ourselves to mature spiritually.

In the meantime, the abilities within the Great Commission are simple and basic, they do not require anything other than faith to be performed, because their performance are not based on your sanctification, but rather on a covenant promise through Holy Spirit. If you believe, Holy Spirit's promises to perform the miracles for you; it's that simple.

Also because Holy Spirit is gracious, we are not limited to only one gift. We can have as many gifts as we want. One thing remains however, that is to be willing to pay the price of sanctification.

As we stated earlier, the closer you get to God, the more gifts you will receive. Because Holy Spirit is the source of all the gifts and much more; and because He is always with you, you can have as many gifts as your heart's desires. Better yet, as you draw closer to Holy Spirit and fall more and more in love with Him, the gifts are not going to matter anymore. Holy Spirit is going to be your All in all!

In short, if you want to grow higher, keep your eyes on Jesus Christ Who is the giver rather than the gifts.

Now, if you're interested in finding out your spiritual gift, the following prayer will help in the revelation of your gift.

Prayer to Reveal Your Gift

Glorious and Majestic Father, King of kings sitting on Your Throne; Mighty Healer, Great and Awesome Warrior, Beauty above all beauties, Treasure above all treasures, be exalted, be magnified and be glorified. Hallelujah!

Abba Father, I have a concern that I would like to lay at Your Feet, because something is not right with my heart.

Father, I am broken and I do not know how to fix myself, but I know that You can. So please fix me and conform me to the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

I want to be holy just as You are Holy. I want to trust You and obey You so that I can bring You joy; so I am asking for Your Truth Serum, that You please pour It out on me and reveal all the darkness within and without. Teach me to be humble like You. Help me to stand in Your presence in truth, honesty and sincerity of heart. Purify me with Your Holy Fire and cleanse me in Your Holy Blood.

Father I forgive and let go of all grudges, anger, resentment, bitterness, and revenge towards anyone and all who have offended me in any way and I am asking You to forgive them and to heal them as well.

Thank You for baptizing me with Your Holy Spirit and Fire. Let Your Holy Spirit descend on me like in the day of Pentecost and let Your flaming tongue rest upon me. Give me a new tongue of fire to pray with You. Teach me Your love so that I can love You back and love my neighbor as myself. Give me Your Eyes so that I can see how You see. Give me Your Warrior's heart so that I can serve You in purity of heart. Reveal me Your gift that You bestowed upon me for the service and for the edification of others; and teach me how to walk in the ministry where You called me, with love, humility and wisdom; with You by my side.

Father, I thank You for taking the time to listen to me. Thank You for being such a loving and caring Father. I praise You, I adore You, I bless Your Holy Name, and I have prayed in Jesus Christ's Name.

Amen!

Simplicity

In the spiritual realm things are not as modern, complex and extravagant as we make them seem down here in our earthly realm.

Also, the gifts are not as extravagant as in the movies; nonetheless, they remain strong and mighty unto God. Even though supernatural, they are yet so simple that even a child can navigate through them. Hence Jesus Christ said in *Matthew 19:14 (NKJV)*, “*But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”*”

The power and supernatural reality of the spiritual realm (heaven) is not what makes it so wonderful; God's love is what makes heaven so splendid.

For instance a chariot in heaven might look like a humble olden days chariot except that it is adorned with gold and gemstones. However, what makes the chariot special is neither the gold, neither the gemstones, nor is it its supernatural ability to take flight! No! The thing that makes the chariot so special is the details that Our Father put in that chariot to cater to us; the custom-made seats, the favorite colors, the favorite gemstones, and so on; all the way down to the way it moves.

Every single thing in heaven is made out of love for us, and that is what makes haven so wonderful.

We will never be able to see the wonders of heaven unless we embrace simplicity; a humble heart is all it takes for the beauty of heaven to come alive.

Conclusion

A spiritual gift is as it is, a gift giving out of grace to serve others; it is not for selfish ambitions neither is it for a demonstration of power, no; it is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to His children. Also, no matter what your gift might be, remember that the Ultimate Treasure is Jesus Christ; to have Jesus Christ is to have all the gifts and much more. So strive to develop a relationship with Him above all, remembering that love is the most powerful gift of all. To seek Jesus Christ because you love Him, and not because of what He can do for you, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Anyone capable of these two things will never lack in his life on earth, and in heaven he will be highly revere because of the love he is able to demonstrate.

Mind you that even entering heaven is not determined by how skillful you are with your gift, neither is it determined by how many souls you will bring along with you, but it will be determined by how well you obeyed God as mentioned in *Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)*, *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ ”*

Likewise, your rank in heaven will not be based on how powerful you are, but rather based on how truly humble you are.

Note however, that the love demonstration is not determined by comparing one to another. No! We all have different callings! As a result, you might find yourself being a ruler with a throne and a crown in heaven for being a faithful father to your family, while someone else ends up with just a crown for being a pastor of a big congregation. We cannot measure our performances by comparing one to another, but

rather understand that we all have our own specific calling and requirements to meet. Hence it is said in *Luke 12:48 (NKJV)*, *“But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.”*

Draw close to Jesus Christ, learn to love and be humble through Him and apply what you learn by loving your neighbor in return, this is better than chasing spiritual gift; it is the secret to life.

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