



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 12, 2024

I. Clarification

Identification

Application

II. Identify the gift – I Cor. 12, Rom. 12, Eph. 4

- Apostle
- Prophets
- Pastors/Teachers
- Evangelist
- Miracles
- Healings
- Helps
- Administrations
- Tongues
- Words of Knowledge
- Words of Wisdom
- Faith
- Discerning of Spirits
- Service

- Exhortation
- Giving
- Mercy

II. Identification (I Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11)

A. Apostle (Sent ones) – Apostles are more than messengers!

1. To plant and guard

2. One who had seen the risen Christ – I Cor. 9

3. One who performs miracles that validated his message – Rom. 15

B. Prophet

1. To speak the message of God – I Cor. 14:3 (Edification, Encouragement, Comfort)

2. To help everyone learn (to proclaim the Word of God)

3. Prophecy today is mediated by the Word. Prophecy then was immediately given by God – Eph. 2:20

C. Pastor (Shepherd)/Teacher

1. One who explains and applies the Word of God (both Doctrine and Service)

2. All pastors are teachers (I Tim. 2:2), but not all teachers are pastors

3. Teachers incur a stricter judgement

D. Evangelist - A sole winner

1. To spread & share the gospel and win souls for Christ

2. All are called to this ministry, but not all have the same gift

E. Miracles - A supernatural intrusion only possible through God's power

1. These were validation of the Apostles ministry (I Cor. 12:12)

2. God can and still does miracles today. Yes! Does this manifest itself within the established church. No!

F. Healings - The divine power to remove afflictions

1. This gift was operated by Christ, The Apostles, The 70 Disciples, A few Associates (Philip)

2. No one exercises this gift like they did

3. God can and still does heal, but he is not obligated to do so

Life Group Study Notes

Spiritual Gifts List

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1. Why do you think there is so much confusion surrounding spiritual gifts in the church? Why is it important that we identify and classify spiritual gifts?
2. What was something you learned for the first time going through this study? Why was it helpful to you?
3. God has given several gifts for the establishment of the church that do not appear to be in operation today? What are they?
4. The gift of "prophet" does not center around the ability to foretell the future. What is the gift of prophecy and how does it differ today from what it was at the beginning of the N.T. church?
5. Which of the gifts that were mentioned today do you believe that God has given to you? Why?
6. We all believe that God can heal and perform miracles. How is that different from saying that a person has the gift of miracles or healing?

What was the purpose of these two supernatural gifts?

7. What is the danger of not having all the gifts in operation in the church?

How does the example of the gift of "words of knowledge" and "words of wisdom" demonstrate this?

8. How does the gift of evangelism differ from the call to preach the gospel?