



MIDWEEK TEACHING SESSION – 1 Corinthians

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“KEYS TO MOVING IN THE SPIRIT”

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 12: 1 - 14

Since the **Day of Pentecost** when the **Holy Spirit** was *poured out* upon the Church, the *power* of the Holy Spirit has been made available for us. This power is *real* and can be *experienced!*

It is the working of the **Holy Spirit** in the Church that makes the Church a supernatural *living organism* and not just another *human organization*.

I am convinced that:

- ✚ All the *church growth* principles
- ✚ All the *organizational* infrastructure
- ✚ All the *sights* and *sound* of the modern church...

...cannot *replace* the *power* & *presence* of the **Holy Spirit** in the Church!

Unless and until the power of the **Holy Spirit** is *released* and *manifested* in our midst, we have not come into all that God has for us!

Unless and until the *fire* of the Spirit comes upon us; we remain a *pathetic imitation* of the glorious Church that **Jesus Christ** is coming back to receive!

1 Kings 18: 21 – 39, Luke 7: 18 – 23, John 10: 24, 25

We need the power of the Holy Spirit!

Along with the Gift of the **Person** of the Holy Spirit (*“dorea”*), comes the **Gifts** (*“charisma”*) and the **Fruit** of the Spirit.

God wants **WESLEY** to be a church *rooted* in the *Word of God* and also the *Works of the Spirit*. We want to *cultivate* both the *Fruit* of the Spirit and the *Gifts* of the Spirit. Amen!



3 LISTS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

RESIDENTIAL GIFTS	NON-RESIDENTIAL GIFTS	OFFICE GIFTS
Romans 12: 6- 8	1Corinthians 12: 1 - 11	Ephesians 4: 11 – 13
At Least One or More	All Can Be Used	Some Are Called

RESIDENTIAL GIFTS - Romans 12: 6 – 8

- ✚ Always *with* us. A *part* of us...
- ✚ Your natural *talents* consecrated at *conversion*.
- ✚ Example: mercy, leadership, teaching etc.
- ✚ **1 Peter 4: 10** – “*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.*”

Key: All of us have at least *one* gift.

NON-RESIDENTIAL GIFTS - 1Corinthians 12: 1 – 11

- ✚ “*manifestation*” - “*a torch*”, “*a light*” - speaks of a shining forth or a display. i.e., The **Holy Spirit** demonstrates His *presence* by His *gifts*
- ✚ We don’t *own* them. Not with us always.
- ✚ Only operate when the Spirit chooses to do so and we earnestly desire to be used

Key: All can be *used*.

OFFICE GIFTS - Ephesians 4: 11

- ✚ The gift is in the *person* not the *function*. They are *specialized ministries* given to the Church to *equip* and bring the Body to **maturity**.
- ✚ Commonly known as the **5-fold Ministries**
- ✚ They are *governmental* gifts.

Key: Some will be **called** into these offices.



1 Corinthians 12: 8 – 10.

In this passage, the **Apostle Paul** outlined a total of: **9 SUPERNATURAL GIFTS** of the **Holy Spirit**:

3 GENERAL CLASSIFICATIONS

REVELATION	POWER	INSPIRATION
Word of Knowledge	Faith	Prophecy
Word of Wisdom	Gifts of Healing	Tongues
Discerning of Spirits	Working of Miracles	Interpretation of Tongues
<i>TO KNOW</i>	<i>TO DO</i>	<i>TO SPEAK</i>

This is a *general* classification to help us to get a *framework* when we think about the **Gifts of the Spirit**. The gifts often *interplay* with each other and *operate* together.

5 KEYS TO MOVING IN THE SPIRIT

1. BE EAGER TO MOVE IN THE SPIRIT

Everyone can be *used* to *operate* in all the **9 Supernatural Gifts** of the Spirit.

- 1 Corinthians 12: 7**
- 1 Corinthians 12: 31**
- 1 Corinthians 1:7**

Every one of us must *desire* but God will be the one to *choose* who to *use* at that point of time. But we must all come, *eager* to be used by the Lord. No member should fall behind in any of these *gifts*.

2. BE COMMITTED TO EDIFY OTHERS

1 Corinthians 12: 7 - “...*given for the common good.*” The *gifts* are given *not* for our own benefit but to benefit the Body. It is for the purpose of building up the Body.

“The purpose of all service is to glorify God and edify man.”

1Corinthians 13 - tells us that we should be motivated by *love* when we operate the gifts and not *personal glory* or *self-gratification*.

Question: Do you know; who was the *first* person to be filled with the **Holy Spirit** in the **Bible**? But what was he *filled* with the **Spirit** for? To Build the *House of God!* To Build the *Tabernacle!*

That is what the *gifts* of the **Holy Spirit** are for.

It is to *build* and *edify* the House of God!

So, bring your *gifts* to the table and *serve* and *build* your local church!

Be *loyal* to the Church that God has planted you in!

Don't be too quick to *run* from one *church* to *another*...or worse still start your own church!

The *purpose* of the *gifts* is to build the *House of God* and *edify* the *Body of Christ!*



3. **BE PREPARED TO STEP OUT IN FAITH**

The *gifts* are operated by **faith**.

Galatians 3: 1 - 5

These verses tell us that to move in the *gifts* of the **Spirit** requires us to step out in *faith*. We must be willing to take *risks* and just do it.

“Step out in faith!”

4. **BE DILIGENT TO PRACTICE THE GIFTS**

We must seek to *excel* in the operations of the gifts.

 **1 Corinthians 14: 12**

We must be willing to practice operating the gifts for the sake of building up the Body.

 **Practice makes Permanent!**

All this takes *time* and *focus* but if you want to excel in the operation of the *gifts*, we must pay the price of *waiting* and *listening*.

5. **BE WILLING TO HUMBLE YOURSELF**

The **Spirit** chooses His own *vessels*.

John 1: 29 – 34

This passage contains **2 CREATURES**:

- 1. **The Lamb**
- 2. **The Dove**

The Bible tells us the dove (a picture of the Holy Spirit) looks for a certain nature upon which to descend and remain.

What is that nature? - The nature of the **Lamb**. What is the nature of the **Lamb**?

Be *yielded*, *humble* and *submissive* to the promptings of the **Holy Spirit**.

Never *promote* yourself or seek *personal attention* through the Gifts of the Spirit.

Let your attitude always be one of *humility* and *yielded ness*.



CONCLUSION:

5 KEYS TO MOVING IN THE SPIRIT

1. BE EAGER TO MOVE IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
2. BE COMMITTED TO EDIFY OTHERS
3. BE PREPARED TO STEP OUT IN FAITH
4. BE DILIGENT TO PRACTICE THE GIFTS
5. BE WILLING TO HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD

We cannot come into *depth of relationship* with **Christ** without the **Holy Spirit**.

And the **Holy Spirit** is not a **doctrine** or a **concept**, but He is a **Person**.

✚ He can be *grieved* and *quenched*.

✚ He has *feelings*.

✚ He wants to *relate* to us.

✚ He wants to be our *friend*.

✚ He wants to go with us *everywhere* - hand in hand, leading and guiding us into the *ways* and the *workings* of God.

John 14:26 - "*But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my Name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*"

That is why the disciples needed to wait till **Pentecost**. And when the *Day of Pentecost* was fully come, the *Great Compulsion* of the Spirit ignited them and set them on fire and after that they were never the same again!

Consider the disciples of Jesus in the gospel:

✚ Peter...

✚ Peter and John...

✚ Thomas...

✚ Philip...

✚ After the *crucifixion*, the disciples all went back *fishing*...

But all these changed because of the **Day of Pentecost!**

Suddenly, the *fire* of God fell from heaven! The *glory* of God invaded the earth! The *power* of the **Holy Spirit** descended!

The **Great Compulsion** of the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and from *frightened people*, they became *fiery preachers*! From hiding behind closed doors, they were thrust into the nations!



- ✚ **Peter** was martyred in Rome about **AD66**
- ✚ **James the Just**, refused to deny his faith in Christ.
- ✚ **Andrew** was the first to preach in Russia. He ended up whipped severely by 7 soldiers and then to prolong his sufferings, they tied him to an X-shaped cross.
- ✚ **James the son of Zebedee**, was beheaded at Jerusalem.
- ✚ **Bartholomew** ended up as a missionary in Turkey. He was martyred...
- ✚ **Matthias**, the apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned, and then beheaded.
- ✚ **Doubting Thomas** became the great Apostle Thomas who went to India and founded what is today the *Mar-Thoma Churches* in India. He died after he was speared...

These ordinary men was transformed into fiery *preachers* and courageous *missionaries* because of one thing – The Baptism of the Spirit!

When the *power* of the **Holy Spirit** comes upon you, a spiritual explosion can take place in your spirit that will turn you from *struggles* to *strength*, from *poverty* to *power*, from *cowardice* to *courage*!

You can be *activated* in the **Spirit** and begin to live in the reality of:

- ✚ **Acts 1: 8** – “*And you shall receive POWER when the Holy Spirit hasd come upon you and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth...*”

What we need is to recognize the *frailty* of our own strength
and turn to the *power* of the **Holy Spirit**.

Why don't we come humbly to the Father and said:
“*Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us! Fill me & empower me in Jesus' Name!*”

- ✚ How *real* is the **Holy Spirit** to you?

- ✚ Is he just a *doctrine*?

- ✚ Is he *personal* to you?

Don't end up living *trapped* between **Easter & Pentecost**.

We need to live on the right side of **Pentecost!**

