



SERMON NOTES

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Week 3 (May 30, 2021):
"Spiritual Gifts"

Romans 12:6-8

I. You Shall Be My Witnesses

- A. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual _____ to followers of Christ.
- B. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's _____.
- C. A spiritual gift is a supernatural _____ given to all Christians to do God's work on earth.

II. Spiritual Gifts Inventory

- A. Spiritual gifts are _____:
 - i. Natural talents.
 - ii. Given to select people.
 - iii. Signs of spiritual maturity.
 - iv. The fruits of the Spirit.
 - v. Something to fear.
- B. Romans 12:6-8 lists seven spiritual gifts – _____, serving, teaching, encouragement, generosity, leadership, and mercy.
- C. There are several ways to _____ your spiritual gifts:
 - i. Study what the Bible says about spiritual gifts.
 - ii. Ask God to show you your gifts.
 - iii. Examine what you enjoy and do well.
 - iv. Take a spiritual gifts test.
 - v. Follow where the Holy Spirit leads you.

III. Not in Vain

- A. We need to be involved in the _____ of Christ.
- B. When you serve Jesus, your work is never in _____.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

Before Jesus ascends back to heaven, he tells his followers that they must be “His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” In other words, they need to be his witnesses everywhere they go. These instructions are meant for every generation of Jesus followers ever since. But we can’t possibly be His witnesses by our own strength. Well, Jesus had a solution to that.

Monday: Micah 3:8-12

Later the prophet Jeremiah also preached strong warnings. The officials in Jerusalem wanted to execute him for such an “unpatriotic” message. But “a few of the community elders” told the crowd they should listen, and quoted Micah 3:12 as evidence they shouldn’t kill prophets for delivering warnings from God (cf. Jeremiah 26:1-19). What makes it important for you to listen to prophetic voices even when they tell you things you don’t want to hear?

Tuesday: Luke 1:28-38

Given what we know of her culture, Mary was likely in her mid-teens when the angel Gabriel unfolded a task she couldn’t (and we can’t) fully understand. Part of the power and mystery of that task was the Holy Spirit’s role in bringing her unique child into being. How does Mary’s response (verse 38) speak to your heart? Are you willing to surrender to the Holy Spirit’s leading, even when that calls for trust that reaches beyond full intellectual understanding?

Wednesday: Acts 1:1-8

How did Jesus’ vision and commission for that mission-driven, outward life focus make it essential that those first 120 (and all who came after them) trust the Holy Spirit’s power rather than their own?

Thursday: Acts 2:4, 4:8-12

Would more “miraculous” works today automatically win more people to faith in Christ? Well, in today’s second reading Peter had to defend himself for healing a lame man! Supernatural events didn’t force either Jesus’ enemies or Roman officials to follow Christ. The greatest miracle the Spirit works, repeatedly, is transforming people for the better from the inside out. How can you be a channel the Spirit uses for that, as well as lesser miracles?

Friday: 1 Corinthians 12:27-30, Ephesians 4:11-13, Romans 12:6-8

Are you clear about which of these gifts the Spirit has given you? If not, ask one or more people who know you well what gifts they see in you or take a Spiritual Gift Assessment online. Once you have a sense of what your gifts are, how are you using those gifts to serve and build up the body of Christ?

MOVING FORWARD

The Holy Spirit gives every Jesus follower Spiritual gifts so that we can do God’s work on earth. There are many different types of gifts that empower us to be His witnesses. Our job, as Christians, is to discover these gifts and then put them to use in the church. Everybody is called to be a somebody in the church. This week discover your spiritual gifts and then put them to use.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) gifts, B) witnesses, C) ability. IIA) not, B) prophecy, IIC) discover. IIIA) Body, B) vain.