



Ephesians

Sermon 8

Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon Study Guide Questions

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Review:

Last week we talked about Spiritual Gifts and we started with looking at the 5 Leadership Gifts in Ephesian 4. They are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers.

We also, looked at the 7 Motivational Gifts in Romans 12. They are Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhorting, Giving, and showing Mercy

Then we briefly looked at the 9 Manifestational Gifts in I Corinthians 12 (though this is not an exhaustive list).

Let's continue in Ephesians 4 as we see the benefits of people employing their gifts in the church.

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Remember the leadership gifts are given so that those with these gifts can equip the saints to use their gifts to do the work of the ministry. As a result, the body of Christ is built up. As we mature, we work in unity.

- Now that we have these gifts, it is crucial for us to use them. Are you spiritually mature, exercising the gifts God has given you?

- Have you taken the Motivational Gifts Test? What gift or gifts did you discover from this test?

- When you know what your gifts are – ask the Holy Spirit how these gifts can serve the Body of Christ.

Note:

When we, as Spiritual Leaders, merely let you “**watch**” us minister rather than equip you do the ministry, we don’t help you to mature, but instead, let you remain as children.

- Read how Paul describes this in verse 14. Why are children easily deceived?

- In verse 15, Paul calls the believer to grow in certain areas. What are they?

Note:

Christ is the head, the essence of all we are and all we do. We are to grow up into Him, with the Holy Spirit guiding and empowering us to do this.

- What makes a healthy church? (4:16)

Now we are going to look at the Manifestational Gifts of the Holy Spirit in I Corinthians 12.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- How is the diversity of the gifts related to the unity of the Father, Son and Spirit? (12:4-5)

- Since the Corinthians were proud of their spirituality (1:12; 4:8; 5:2), how might verses 7 and 11 surprise them?
- Here are the manifestational gifts. How do they function in the body?

1. Utterance/Words of Wisdom –

It is a special Holy Spirit empowered ability to give advice and guidance
1 Corinthians 2:10-13

2. Utterance/Words of Knowledge –

The Holy Spirit-empowered ability to have a deep understanding and awareness of the heart of issues being presented and the ability to speak to those issues.

3. Faith –

The Holy Spirit-empowered ability to believe God to see His will accomplished.

4. Gifts of Healing –

The Holy Spirit-empowered ability to restore a person who is sick, injured, or suffering.

5. Working of Miracles –

The Holy Spirit-empowered ability to perform signs and wonders that give authenticity to God's power and God's Word.

6. Prophecy –

A Holy Spirit-empowered ability to know things that you couldn't possibly know.

7. Distinguishing Between Spirits -

A Holy Spirit-empowered ability to determine whether a message, person, or event, is truly from God.

8. Various Kinds of Tongues –

A Holy Spirit-empowered ability to speak in unknown languages to men and to God.

- a) known language unknown to the one speaking
- b) heavenly language that has a message for a group of people (will need to be interpreted)
- c) heavenly language prayed to God in personal prayer life (does not need to be interpreted)

9. Interpretation of Tongues –

A Holy Spirit-empowered ability to translate the 'tongues speaking' and communicate it back to others in their own language

- None of these gifts can be accomplished by the flesh. Why is it important that the Holy Spirit is the author of the work performed in us?
(1 Corinthians 12:1-3)

- Sign gifts always agree with Scripture and will often have multiple confirmations. (Read Hebrews 11)

Application:

Read I Corinthians 12:27-31

As we pursue the manifestational gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will do so with an awareness of the purpose of the gifts, with a maturity that is gentle and doesn't unnecessarily offend people, and with love as the most excellent way.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-14:40.

- What words and phrases show the ultimate purpose of all the spiritual gifts?

- Pray and seek God about your gift or gifts of the Spirit. How are you using your gift in this particular body for the building up of the saints?

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