

Blessing of Spiritual Gifts

Spirit Empowered Living – Part 7

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Acts 2:17a (ESV) “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy ...

Acts 1:4-5 (ESV) And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1. Build up the _____

1 Corinthians 14:1-2 (ESV) Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:3 (ESV) On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

1 Corinthians 14:4 (ESV) The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

2. Minister through the _____

1 Corinthians 14:13-14 (ESV) Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15 (ESV) What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (ESV) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

3. Exercise proper _____

1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (ESV) If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

1 Corinthians 14:29 (ESV) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.

1 Corinthians 14:31-32 (ESV) For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (1 Corinthians 14)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why do you think that God is pouring out His Spirit in the last days (Acts 2:17)?

Intro. In what ways is Spirit baptism the promise of the Father (Acts 1:4-5)?

Intro. What is the nature of the power that a person receives in Spirit baptism (Acts 1:8)?

1A. Why does God's Word instruct all believers to "earnestly desire spiritual gifts" (1 Corinthians 14:1)?

1B. What is the difference between speaking in tongues and prophesy according to 1 Corinthians 14:2-3)?

1C. What is the purpose of privately speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:4)?

1D. How can you obey the instruction to "earnestly desire spiritual gifts"?

2A. How can speaking in tongues be beneficial during a church service (1 Corinthians 14:13-14)?

2B. What are the two ways to pray and praise (1 Corinthians 14:15)? What are the benefits of each way?

2C. What is the significance of the fact that Paul prayed in tongues more than everyone at the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 14:18-19)?

2D. What are the benefits of prophesy in a church meeting?

3A. What is the purpose of the instructions on tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:27-28)?

3B. How and why are prophesies to be weighed (1 Corinthians 14:29)?

3C. Why does Paul write that "the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets" (1 Corinthians 14:31-32)?

3D. In what ways does prophesy differ from a sermon? What is the value of each one?

3E. How could you develop the gift of prophesy in your own life?