

VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH BIBLE STUDY SERIES: DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS- UNLEASHING YOUR POTENTIAL IN THE SPIRIT. BISHOP WILLIAM LEE. LESSON 2

MANIFESTATION GIFTS (Part One)

Three Categories of Spiritual Gifts

1. Grace Gifts(Charismata) Romans 12:6-8
2. Ministry Gifts (diakonai) Ephesians 4:11
3. Manifestation Gifts (phanerosis/ energema) 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

(1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.Defining

Manifestation Gifts- These gifts are not the permanent endowments of any believer, but are a supernatural working of the Holy Spirit among the Body of Christ as God wills.

GIFTS OF REVELATION

WORD OF WISDOM- A revelation of wisdom inspired through the operation of the Holy Spirit, giving insight into the will of God.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE- A revelation of knowledge, inspired through the operation of the Holy Spirit, giving information about persons, circumstances or Biblical Truth

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS- A revelation, inspired through the operation of Holy Spirit, into the spirit realm helping a believer to distinguish between true and false spiritual activity.

GIFTS OF POWER

FAITH- A supernatural ability, imparted by the operation of the Holy Spirit, allowing a believer to trust God for the miraculous and the extraordinary.

GIFT OF HEALING- A supernatural ability imparted by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Allowing a believer to be used in the restoration of physical health.

OPERATION OF MIRACLES- A supernatural ability, imparted by the operation of the Holy Spirit, causing an extraordinary intervention of God.

GIFTS OF INSPIRATION

PROPHECY: A supernatural utterance inspired by the operation of the Holy Spirit and delivered in a believers native language.

2. TONGUES: A supernatural utterance, inspired by the Holy Spirit and delivered in a language that is unknown to the speaker

3. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES: A supernatural utterance inspired by the operation of the Holy Spirit, revealing the meaning of the gift of tongues.

II. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF MANIFESTATION GIFTS

GIFTS OF REVELATION

God Reveals the Heart of Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:1-10

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." 5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. 6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." 9 Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." 10 At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

God gives Stephen extraordinary wisdom

Acts 6:10 8

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. 10 But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

The Spirit reveals to Paul and Silas not to go to Bithynia

Acts 16:6-9

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

GIFTS OF POWER

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

The Lame Man is healed through the Ministry of the Apostles

ACTS 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Many are healed through the ministry of the Apostles

ACTS 5:12-16

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. **13** No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. **14** Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. **15** As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. **16** Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

All of the Apostles are miraculously Delivered from the Prison

ACTS 5:17-21

17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. **18** They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. **19** But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. **20** "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."**21** At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

Paul has the gift of faith during the Storm at sea

ACTS 27:21-26

21 After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. **22** But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because *not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed.* **23** Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me **24** and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' **25** So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. **26** Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

GIFTS OF INSPIRATION

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

The Holy Spirit Speaks to the Church Assembled in Antioch

ACTS 13:1-3

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Paul Receives a Personal Word of Prophecy from Agabus

ACTS 21:10-11

10 After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 Coming over to us, he took Paul’s belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, “The Holy Spirit says, ‘In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.’”

THE PURPOSE OF MANIFESTATION GIFTS

EACH MANIFESTATION GIFT HAS AN INHERENT PURPOSE WITHIN ITSELF

MANIFESTATION GIFTS ARE TO SERVE AS SIGNS, CONFIRMING THE REALITY OF GOD’S KINGDOM AMONG MEN

1 CORINTHIANS 14:22 (NIV)

Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers.

MANIFESTATION GIFTS ARE TO EXHIBITS GODS POWER IN HIS BODY

I CORINTHIANS 14:25

22 Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers. 23 So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? 24 But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, 25 as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

MANIFESTATION GIFTS ARE TO EDIFY, CONSOLE AND COMFORT BELIEVERS

I CORINTHIANS 14:3, 26

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

26 What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

Testing the Validity of Manifestation Gifts

Why must all actions or messages claiming divine authority be tested for Validity?

Why Should We Test?

1 John 4:1-3

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

1. There are many false prophets
2. Christians must avoid the extremes of gullibility

How Shall We Test? Applying the Test

1. By the Authority of Scripture

Galatians 1:6-9

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

2. By the Integrity of the Person

1 John 4:4-6

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit[a] of truth and the spirit of falsehood.3.

3. By the Exaltation of the Lordship of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4. By the Fruit of the Gift

Matthew 7:15-20

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

James 3:10-18

10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Matthew 22:29

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

In the next session we will continue our study of manifestation gifts. We will discuss the following topics.

A. Have manifestation gifts passed away?

B. What is the difference between the gift of tongues and devotional tongues?

C. What are the scriptural guidelines for the use of tongues and prophecy in public worship?

Questions for Dialogue and Discussions

- 1. Why are the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:6-8 referred to as Manifestation Gifts?**
- 2. Have you ever been used as a channel for the Spirit with a Manifestation Gift? If so, what was it like?**
- 3. Why does it seem that certain Manifestation gifts are more prevalent in some churches than in others?**
- 4. Do you agree that there needs to be a testing of all spiritual manifestations to discern their validity? How should this be done?**