

Sequim Community Church

Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study

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LESSON NINE – HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

“GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

“Understanding the Holy Spirit Made Easy” supplemental reading pp. 62-76

1. The two meanings for the word “gift” are listed on page 64 in “Understanding the Holy Spirit Made Easy”: a.) Something that is given without a charge and freely, such as a present for a birthday, and b.) A special ability or talent, such as playing a piano, or learning languages.

Having those definitions in mind, answer True or False to these statements:

- ___ Spiritual gifts must be earned.
- ___ Spiritual gifts must be deserved.
- ___ Spiritual gifts involve special talents and abilities.

2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Write out verse 4.

How was God's grace given to us?

In Christ, how have we been enriched?

3. Write out Ephesians 1:13 What were you promised when you believed?
4. What two things were important (to both John the Baptist and Jesus) for us to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:38)

5. What is the main role of the Holy Spirit? (John 16:14)

6. In Romans 12: 4-5 Paul compares Christians to parts of the human body. Why?

7. Write out the first sentence of Romans 12:6. What does “grace” mean here?

8. In researching this lesson, I found anywhere from 7 to 26 gifts of the Holy Spirit. Attached to this lesson there is a Giftedness and Experience Inventory. Prior to taking this Inventory, write down three to five Gifts you think you have been given by the Holy Spirit.

9. Now, take the **Inventory** attached to this homework. Even if you have taken this Inventory in the past, do it again. It should take about an hour to complete the questions and record them on the **Response Sheet**. Transfer your Totals to the last page, **Inventory Totals**. Did you have any surprises? Or, were your answers to question #4 included in your highest totals?

10. Read Romans 12: 6-8. List the Gifts enumerated there and the instructions for using each Gift.

11. Throughout the Bible, there are many examples of Spiritual Gifts. Sometimes God chooses an unlikely person to achieve great things ...simply to prove his glory. Have you ever felt God chose you to do something outside your skill set? Explain briefly.

12. Read Acts 1:8 What did Jesus say we were to do when we receive the power of the Holy Spirit?
How can **you** use your gifts to witness to the world?

13. Read Romans 6:23. What is the greatest **gift** Christians receive from God?

14. Write out Romans 11:29.

Look up the meaning of irrevocable and write it here:

Can your "gifts" be canceled or taken away?

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"How does the EPC view the gifts of the Holy Spirit?"

The EPC affirms the gifts of God's Spirit as biblically valid for today, and counsels that they be exercised under the guidance of God's Word and the authority of the local Session. Since the Holy Spirit is the source of Christian unity, we must ever guard against any use of the gifts which would lead to division within the church.



The following pages, (5 through 13), are a Spiritual Giftedness Inventory.

It will only take about 45 minutes to complete. We will be discussing some of our results during the class on April 16th.

If you have taken this “Inventory” in the past, please take it again.....you may have had spiritual growth since you last took it.

GI-FITNESS AND EXPERIENCE INVENTORY

Instructions: It is very important that you answer these questions from your experience only! Not what you wish or desire about yourself. (Record Answers on answer sheet)

Respond Accordingly:

3 = Consistently, definitely true

2 = Most of the time, usually true

1 = Some of the time, once in a while

0 = Not at all, never

*Answer according to who you are, not what you would like to be, or think you ought to be! *How true are these statements of you? *What has been your experience? *To what degree do these statements reflect your usual tendencies?

1. I speak the truth of God's Word even when it is unpopular and difficult for others to accept.
2. I can communicate difficult biblical concepts so that people become motivated to learn and study them more.
3. I like the challenge of communicating a particular topic through various creative forms.
4. I gently, but firmly, challenge others to live a life of greater obedience.
5. I seek out unbelievers with the desire to present the message of Christ.
6. I love to use my home as a place to minister to people in need.
7. I will accept responsibility for a group when it is clear that there is a need for direction.
8. I am able to empathize with suffering people and involve myself in their restoration process.
9. When a need arises I feel I must first pray before coming to a solution.
10. It is important to me to know and be well-known by those I serve and guide.
11. I enjoy learning about management issues and how organizations function.
12. I feel fulfilled when I have been able to fashion/create something that helped one of the church's ministries.
13. I enjoy giving what resources I have to those in need.
14. I like to work behind the scene so as to help others to better use their gifts.

15. I want to share the gospel in areas or countries that have not yet received the message.
16. My first impressions of people are accurate.
17. I am confident that even in difficult times I can accomplish great things for God.
18. I have prayed for someone who was seriously ill, and they were healed.
19. I have heard someone speak in tongues and was able to interpret their message to the group, without ever having learned the language.
20. I enjoy studying the Bible in such a way as to be able to clarify its truth for others.
21. God has used me to make the impossible happen and bring glory to His name.
22. I have been used by God to communicate the gospel in a language unknown to me.
23. I am able to see and verbalize the consequences of a person's actions before most people.
24. I feel compelled to expose sin in the culture, church, or an individual's life in order to have them walk consistently in the truth.
25. I enjoy studying the Bible in order to share practical insights that will enable others to grow and act in obedience.
26. I enjoy developing my skills in the arts: music, crafts, drama, photography, etc.
27. I reassure those who need to take some courageous steps in their faith in God.
28. I look for creative ways to effectively share my faith.
29. I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to get acquainted with others in the church.
30. I am able to effectively organize those in the body to achieve specific goals which I perceive to be clearly God's plan.
31. I enjoy ministering to people in hospitals, prisons, and rest homes.
32. I enjoy praying for other people and often lose track of time.
33. I like to nurture others in their development as a child of God, being patient but firm in their growth.
34. Once I know the goal, I like to develop a plan or strategy to meet it.
35. I can visualize through my mind's eye how something is to be constructed before I build it.

36. I dream of great things happening for God's glory, so I give beyond my tithes.
37. I feel there is spiritual significance in the ongoing tasks I do for the various ministries in the church.
38. I have a pioneering or entrepreneur spirit which likes to do what others have not.
39. I can perceive the genuineness of a person's motives.
40. Even when things seem impossible, I trust God for His provision.

41. I feel that one of my contributions to the body is to pray for those who are physically sick.
42. I have felt compelled to interpret for the body a message given in tongues.
43. I regularly research topics and read books to gain a better understanding.
44. I have been used by God to do supernatural acts which authenticated the message of Christ.
45. I have spoken in a language unknown to me, that when interpreted, brought a blessing to those who heard it.
46. I feel I have more "common sense" than most people.
47. I speak very persuasively to groups or individuals about obeying God's commands and teachings.
48. I organize biblical materials and give systematic presentations which are appreciated by the body.
49. I need to regularly get alone to reflect and use my imagination.
50. I gravitate toward broken people with the desire to see them grow in their faith.
51. When I share the gospel, people desire to know more about a relationship with Jesus Christ.
52. I spend time with visitors in order to make them feel comfortable and cared for.
53. It seems that many Christians look to me for my thoughts and actions in determining what to do in their own life.
54. I look beyond a person's deformities and their lingering problems to see a life that matters to God.
55. I find myself praying when I could be doing other things.

56. I enjoy providing general oversight for a group of Christians, guiding them in their growth.
57. When I think about an event, I am able to visualize it so that potential problems are solved before they happen.
58. I am handy and good when working with my hands.
59. I am fulfilled in sharing my money and possessions without expecting anything in return.
60. I willingly do a variety of odd jobs around the church to practically meet the needs of others.
61. Serving in another culture excites me.
62. I am able to distinguish between truth and error in spiritual matters.
63. I visualize great things for the cause of Christ and take action, even without the visible means to accomplish them.
64. People seem to seek me out to pray for their physical healing.
65. Most of the messages given in tongues that I have interpreted (without learning the language), have spoken of Jesus and His work on the cross.
66. I have found myself in situations when I intuitively knew something that helped minister to someone.
67. I have been told that visible miracles have resulted from my prayers.
68. I speak to God in an unknown language.
69. People seek my advise about matters that confuse them.
70. When I openly share the truths of God, people are inspired to personally apply them and turn from their misconceptions.
71. When I teach others, I feel comfortable responding to questions.
72. I critique the performances and work of others.
73. I often share my appreciation to those individuals serving around me.
74. My conversations with unbelievers seem to include spiritual matters.
75. I will spontaneously invite people to my home to minister to them, even though the house may not be totally presentable.
76. I can adapt my leadership to motivate a wide variety of people to work together in order to accomplish the task at hand.

77. I help those who are unsupported and that others think are undeserving.
78. I take prayer requests very seriously and continue praying until the answer comes.
79. I have a compassionate need to protect wandering believers.
80. I am able to handle a lot of details at the same time in order to accomplish a task.
81. I enjoy being creative when working with wood, metal, glass and various other materials.
82. I am a good manager of money so that I can support ministries that further the cause of Christ.
83. I like to find things that need to be done, and do them, even without being asked.
84. I am, or desire to be, actively involved in the church's foreign mission program.
85. I can determine and expose a person's deception or phoniness before others recognize it.
86. I am convinced of God's daily presence and move confidently in His power.
87. I have seen God answer my prayer for a miraculous healing on several occasions.
88. When I have interpreted tongues, it has encouraged and edified the body.
89. I become deeply troubled when someone has not accurately represented biblical truth.
90. Supernatural signs have taken place through my faith and prayers.
91. When I have publicly spoken in tongues, it has been interpreted.
92. I am respected for my ability to provide concise and appropriate solutions to difficult problems.
93. I stimulate others to use Scriptural principles in their personal/professional and their public/private decisions.
94. Christians have told me that I have really helped them to better understand some biblical truth or personal issue to the extent that they are now living differently.
95. Through my artistic expression, people have been able to recognize deeper truth about themselves, their relationships, and God.
96. I strengthen those who are wavering in their faith by directing them to God's promise and truth.
97. I like those I am around to know that I am a Christian, in the hope that they will ask me about my relationship to Christ.

98. I feel free to open my home to those who may be in need, physically or emotionally.
99. I usually know what needs to be accomplished and can influence other Christians in that direction.
100. People have told me that I get too personally and emotionally involved in helping needy people.
101. I feel when I am asked to pray for others that my prayers will have tangible results.
102. I provide guidance for the whole person – relationally, emotionally, physically, spiritually, etc.
103. I like to work hard at making ministries more efficient.
104. I am able to design and build things that help the church to better care for people.
105. I often give anonymously to help meet an individual's or ministry's financial needs.
106. When I see so many needs within the church, it is hard for me to say "no".
107. I am willing to take part in starting a new church.
108. I can sense when demonic forces are at work in person, situation, or teaching.
109. When I sense God's direction, I will press on even with the objections or opposition of others.
110. I believe God has used me to miraculously heal people without the aid of medicines or treatment.
111. When someone is speaking in tongues, I am able to share the message.
112. I am concerned with details as I patiently investigate the Scriptures.
113. Others have said that God has used me to bring about some impossible changes in their lives or circumstances.
114. When I pray in tongues, I am edified and able to more faithfully serve the body.
115. In the midst of much conflict, I can offer an acceptable and simple plan for resolution.
116. I challenge believers to confront and turn from their sin, even in the face of rejection, or accusations of being narrow-minded.
117. People say they learn a lot when I teach the Bible, and they seem to be motivated to study it more on their own.
118. Unless I am doing what I enjoy, I generally have a short attention span.
119. I inspire others to take more seriously the Lordship of Christ in their lives.

120. When I share my testimony and God's plan of salvation, people respond in faith.
121. I enjoy providing food and lodging for those in need.
122. I am able to clarify a vision decisively managing people and resources to fulfill it.
123. I feel such compassion for hurting people that I actively do what I can to alleviate the sources of their discomfort.
124. Believing prayer works, I spend time with those who regularly pray.
125. Over time, others have told me how much they appreciate my continuing support and concern for them.
126. I see people as gifted and valuable resources to be coordinated for greater effectiveness in the church.
127. I understand how raw materials need to be fashioned in order to properly construct what is desired.
128. I feel appreciated to know that financial support has made a significant difference in the life and ministry of God's people.
129. I find satisfaction in encouraging others through my desire to serve when and where there is a need.
130. I can easily adapt to my surroundings and minister effectively within them.
131. I have been told that my insights about certain teachings or people have been true.
132. I have such peace about God's care and provision for me and others that believers have commented about my trust in God.
133. Through my prayers, I have been able to see emotionally confused people experience peace, understanding, and healing.
134. The messages in tongues that I have interpreted have been directly from God.
135. I am able to recall an extraordinary amount of critical information from my studies that support my conclusions from the Bible, commentaries, etc.
136. People have believed in Jesus because of the miracles I have done in His name.
137. I speak in tongues for personal worship and praise.
138. Others have told me how I helped them to see the application of Biblical truth in the "gray areas" of their life.

**GI-FITNESS
INVENTORY
TOTALS**

- a. Prophecy
- b. Teaching
- c. Creative Communications
- d. Encouragement
- e. Evangelism
- f. Hospitality
- g. Leadership
- h. Mercy
- i. Prayer/Intercession
- j. Shepherding
- k. Administration
- l. Craftsmanship
- m. Giving
- n. Helps
- o. Missionary
- p. Discernment
- q. Faith
- r. Healing
- s. Interpretation
- t. knowledge
- u. Miracles
- v. Tongues
- w. Wisdom

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