

ACTIVATING

THE *Gifts*
OF THE *Spirit*



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Church Camp 2005!

The theme for this year's Church Camp is "***Activating the Gifts of the Spirit***".

This year's church camp is going to be INTENSE (strong, forceful, passionate, extreme, deep, concentrated.....all of these!!).

We will have intense times of worship and seeking God....

.....intense times of studying God's Word

.....intense times of stepping out in the Holy Spirit – further, higher and deeper than where we have ever gone before

.....intense times of prayer

.....and intense times of fellowship and fun!

Our objective in this year's church camp is to help people learn how to flow freely with the Holy Spirit in their daily lives and ministry.

Get ready for an intense time with God! Give it your all! Don't hold any thing back! Go after God with all you've got!!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME DURING THE TEACHING. JUST RAISE YOUR HAND TO INDICATE THAT YOU WISH TO ASK A QUESTION.

1. Session 1

1.1. The Person of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a PERSON John 14:16-18

He is here to be our "*Parakletos*"

Comforter, Helper, Intercessor, Counselor, Advocate, Strengthener, Stand By

He TRANSFORMS us 2 Corinthians 3: 18

He EMPOWERS us Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit ABIDES with us (John 14:16)

- He is with you in your home
- He is with you as you relate to your spouse and children
- He is with you at your school, college or workplace
- He is with you in the middle of difficult situations
- He is with you as you minister to people

- He is with you every moment of every day.
- The Holy Spirit can transform and empower you in all of these situations!

Develop COMMUNION with the Holy Spirit 2 Corinthians 13:14

“....may the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all....”

Communion Gr. *koinonia* = partnership, fellowship, participation, intercourse, benefaction, distribution, having things in common, etc.

COMMUNION is FELLOWSHIP and PARTNERSHIP.

Some instructions on developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 4:30 Do not GRIEVE the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not QUENCH (Gr. Extinguish) the Holy Spirit

1.2. The Latter day outpouring of the Spirit

From The Upper Room to your Living Room :

- **400–1400 AD** : The Church became a spiritually feeble entity during the Dark Ages. Revival and restoration:
- **1500s** the Protestant movement brought the revelation of salvation by grace through faith.
- **1600s** the Puritan movement brought an understanding of the importance of water baptism and separation of Church from the state.
- **1700s** the Holiness movement brought an understanding of sanctification, of the Church being separated from the world.
- **1800s** the Divine Healing movement brought a revelation and demonstration of God’s healing power for the physical body.
- **1900s** the Pentecostal movement brought a revelation of the Holy Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues.
- **2000s** Following the Pentecostal movement, there have been several clearly identifiable moves in the Church that have caused the Body of Christ to rise to higher realms in God. The five-fold ministry gifts of evangelist, teacher, pastor, prophet and apostle have each been restored to the Body have Christ. We are now in that time in God’s calendar where the saints are being equipped and released into the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11,12).

Many Christians are on “slow time”. Their understanding of spiritual truth has stopped with the 1700’s! We are to contend for the faith that was delivered to the early NT saints (Jude 1:3). What they believed and walked in was called “the present truth” (2 Peter 1:2). The Lord is restoring His Church to “the present truth”, which is the complete understanding and experience of New Testament truth as seen in the Early Church.

1.3. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 Luke 4:18,19 Matthew 12:28 Acts 10:38

John 15:26 John 16:7 Luke 24:48,49 Acts 1:4,5,8

Acts 2:1-4, 14-18, 38,39

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit or the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for all believers.

2. Session 2

2.1. Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 8:5-21 Acts 9:17,18 (1 Corinthians 14:18) Acts 10:44-48 Acts 19:1-7

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit or the baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by supernatural manifestations – praying in other tongues being the most common.

What is the difference between the indwelling of the Spirit and the baptism of the Spirit?

John 4:13,14 John 7:37-38

2.2. The benefits of praying in the Spirit

ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

Q1. What is praying in tongues?

1 Corinthians 14:2

- Speaking in an unknown tongue “tongues of men and of angels” (1 Corinthians 13:1)
- Speaking directly to God
- Speaking mysteries (1) things unknown to my human mind, but known to the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10,11) (2) the wisdom, plan and purposes of God (1 Corinthians 2:7)
- My spirit prays enabled by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:14)
- Also referred to as “praying in the Spirit” (1 Corinthians 14:14-16)

Whenever Paul referred to “praying in the Spirit” he always mean “praying in tongues”. This is the only way the Early Church understood it. Praying in the Spirit does NOT mean to pray with greater fervency, or deeper emotion or with more energy – as some would explain it to be. Praying in the Spirit means to pray in tongues, although this may also be accompanied by intensity, passion, fervor, emotion and energy.

Q2. What are “diversities of tongues”?

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Diversities or Differences

Greek “*diatareseis*” = distinctions, differences, distributions, varieties.

There are:

- Diversities of gifts. Gifts Gr. “*charisma*” = a spiritual endowment, a divine gratuity, a free gift. The same Holy Spirit is the source of all these gifts.
- Diversities of administrations. Administrations Gr. “*diakonia*” = service rendered by a servant, ministries, offices, etc. The same Lord is being served.
- Diversities of operations. Operations Gr. “*energeia*” = the effect of a thing wrought (from *energeo* = to operate, perform, energize). operation, working. The same God is at work.

The same gift (e.g tongues) can be used in a variety of services/ministries with a variety of operations or producing a different effect or outcome.

Some people mistakenly think there is only one kind of tongues : WRONG!! There are different kinds of tongues

Some people mistakenly think that tongues serve only one kind of purpose : WRONG!! Tongues are used in a variety of administrations (services/ministries). Depending on which ministries it is being used its purpose is different.

Some people mistakenly think that tongues operate only one way : WRONG!! There are different operations. Tongues can be operated in different ways each producing a different effect or outcome.

1 Corinthians 12:10

Kinds of tongues. Kinds Gr. “*genos*” = “kin”, different offspring of the same stock, countryman, kindred, diversity, etc.

There are different kinds of tongues. They have the same source, the Holy Spirit, but they differ in their service and operation.

1. Tongues as a personal prayer language 1 Corinthians 14:4 – available for all believers
2. Tongues for interpretation 1 Corinthians 14:13,27,28
3. Tongues for deep intercessional groanings of the Spirit Romans 8:26
4. Tongues as a sign to the unbeliever 1 Corinthians 14:22
5. The ministry gift of Tongues 1 Corinthians 12:28

The way tongues flow, the purpose they serve and the effect or result they bring and the guidelines for their use in each of the above are DIFFERENT.

Tongues could also be categorized or classified based on their benefits, etc.

Q3. Can every believer pray in tongues?

YES!! Every believer can, although we know that not all believers do!

Just like the gift of salvation. Every person can be saved, although we know that not all end up being saved.

On what basis can we say that every believer can pray in tongues?

- because of Mark 16:17.
- because of Acts 2:17,18,38,39 and the consequent records we see in the book of Acts. The Promise of the Spirit is for every one. Every time the Promise of the Spirit was received in the book of Acts, it can be seen that the recipients immediately spoke or eventually spoke in tongues. There is nothing to indicate in the New Testament that God stopped this pattern of working.
- because of the admonition concerning spiritual gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:31, 1 Corinthians 14:1,5,39.
- because of the admonition concerning prayer: Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20.

But what about 1 Corinthians 12:28-30?

1 Corinthians 12:28

“And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.”

1 Corinthians 12:28 is referring to ministry appointments in the church, and not to spiritual gifts previously listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 which are available for all believers.

All believers can teach the word, but that does not mean all believers who teach have been set in the church in the ministry appointment of a teacher.

All believers can help, but that does not mean all believers who help have been set in the church in the ministry of helps.

All believers can pray in Jesus name for miracles and healings, but that does not mean all believers who pray for miracles and healings have been set in the church in the ministry appointment of miracles and gifts of healings.

Similarly, all believers can speak in tongues but only some have been set in the ministry function where they operate the diversities of tongues. Only some people have been set in the church where they have a ministry (service, administration) that involves diversities of tongues.

Q4. Can I pray in tongues at any time I want to?

YES!! 1 Corinthians 14:15

You can pray and sing in the Spirit at your will – any time, any where.

Q5. Do I need to scream, shout, shake and be weird to pray in tongues?

NO!! Since it is in the control of your will, you determine how you conduct yourself when you pray in tongues.

Q6. Can I pray in tongues in church, when we are all gathered together?

1 Corinthians 14:23,27,28

Yes! You can pray in tongues in group setting, so long as you keep it between yourself and God without becoming disorderly and disruptive. Also, when all around are believers, who know what is happening, it is perfectly fine for all to pray collectively in tongues.

If you are in a group setting where there are unbelievers or those ignorant of these things should you refrain from speaking loudly in tongues. You can continue speaking between yourself and the Lord.

If you are delivering a message in tongues, then should it be interpreted.

THE WONDERFUL BENEFITS OF PRAYING IN TONGUES

1. Praying without boundaries – praying the mysteries of God 1 Corinthians 14:2
2. Praying according to God's perfect will Romans 8:26,27
3. Helps overcome the weaknesses of the flesh Romans 8:26 Matthew 3:11,12 The baptism in fire at a personal level has to do with the burning up of the chaff, the things of the flesh.
4. Personal edification – builds you up spiritually 1 Corinthians 14:2 Jude 1:20 Ephesians 3:16
5. Rest and refreshing Isaiah 28:11,12 (1 Corinthians 14:21)
6. Another way to praise and magnify God Acts 10:46
7. Enables your spirit to receive the mysteries (hidden secrets) of God for your own life. Very often the meaning of what you are saying is conveyed to your own spirit as you are praying. 1 Corinthians 2:7-16 1 Corinthians 14:2
8. Helps stir up the gifts of God within you 2 Timothy 1:6 – being the most basic spiritual gift, when you stir yourself up in this area.

Q. Should I pray in tongues a lot ?

Yes! 1 Corinthians 14:18

3. Session 3

PRAYER & MINISTRY TO RECEIVE THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT AND THE ABILITY TO PRAY IN TONGUES

Luke 11:11-13 Galatians 3:13,14

God is ready to fulfill His promise in your life. Just ask and receive by faith.

3.1. Understanding the gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

There are 9 gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:

1. word of wisdom Matthew 22:15-22
2. word of knowledge John 1:43-51
3. faith Luke 7:11-16
4. gifts of healing Acts 5:14-16
5. working of miracles Matthew 17:24-27
6. prophecy : forth-telling & fore-telling.
7. discerning of spirits : discern = to see into. Matthew 9:4 Luke 22:31,32
8. divers kinds of tongues
9. interpretation of tongues

3.2. Proper foundation for releasing the gifts

1. The gifts of the Spirit are given to all believers - every man/woman. 1 Corinthians 12:7

2. The gifts of the Spirit are a “manifestation” of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:7
They are an expression of Him (the Spirit). An operation of the gift of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit expressing Himself. He always glorifies Jesus (John 16:14).

3. The gifts of the Spirit are given to edify people and glorify Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:7 14:12

4. The gifts of the Spirit are no indication of spiritual maturity
1 Corinthians 1:4-7 1 Corinthians 3:1

The difference between spirituality and maturity:

Spirituality = your sensitivity to spiritual things. Even the unsaved can be “spiritual”!

Maturity = Christ-likeness

A believer could be very spiritual and yet be very immature.

The Holy Spirit is here to make us Christ-like.

However, being sensitive to the Holy Spirit will enable us to recognize and release His gifts.

5. The gifts of the Spirit can be manifested anywhere, at any time

6. We are to desire spiritual gifts while maintaining our love-walk
1 Corinthians 12:31 14:1

7. We release the gifts through faith
Romans 12:6

8. Often, several gifts can flow in conjunction with one another to accomplish a specific work that God wants done.

Therefore do not become too rigid about the classification/categorization of spiritual gifts.

9. Gifts empower ministry offices Romans 12:4-6
The manifestations of the Spirit are released through faith, grace and gifting.

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3.3. The gifts of the Spirit in every day life

The gifts of the Spirit can be manifested anywhere at any time.

The gifts of the Spirit – in your home

The gifts of the Spirit – in your school/college/workplace

The gifts of the Spirit – in ministering to people

4. Session 4

4.1. Steps to ministering the gifts

- Know what the Word says. Eliminate doubt.
- Desire for the manifestations of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1,38
- Yield to what the Spirit is saying or doing. Romans 6:13
- Administer the gift properly. 1 Peter 4:10,11

4.2. Tapping into the gifts

- Stir up the gifts of God in you. 1 Timothy 4:14 2 Timothy 1:6,7
- Prayer in the Spirit.

It can be said of praying in the Spirit that it is a basic foundation gift for all other gifts. The reason we can say so is because (a) this is a gift that comes along with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and (b) this gift is available for all believers.

- Worship Acts 13:1-4 2 Kings 3:15

4.3. Hindrances to moving in the gifts

1. Lack of proper teaching Hosea 4:6
2. Neglect 1 Timothy 4:14
3. Sense of unworthiness

Don't let the flesh or the devil tell you that you cannot manifest the gifts of the Spirit.

Usually, when the devil is not around, the flesh is faithful to carry on his work by telling us that we are not worthy!

4. Fear of failure
5. Fear of man Proverbs 29:25
6. Need for affirmation

5. Session 5

5.1. Releasing prophecy

1. Prophecy is simply God speaking to man through man.
2. The simple gift of prophecy is given for edification, exhortation and comfort.
1 Corinthians 14:3

In addition to the above, the prophetic ministry would flow in correction, direction, revelation, and prediction (fore-telling).

3. All can prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:1,5,31
4. We prophesy in part. 1 Corinthians 13:9
5. All prophecy must be judged. 1 Corinthians 14:29,30 1 Thessalonians 5:20,21

- The Giver of the gift is perfect and the gift is perfect – but the vessel through which the gift is being released is not perfect. Therefore, often times, the message comes through tainted with some of the individual's own thoughts and ideas.
6. How and when you deliver the message is in your control. 1 Corinthians 14:32
The presentation of the revelation is as important as the revelation itself.
Proverbs 25:11
7. There are different aspects that must be understood when giving/receiving a prophecy:
- Revelation – the literal content of the message
 - Presentation – how the message is delivered
 - Interpretation/understanding – what the message means to the recipient
 - Application – what course of action is required
 - Timing – when must this action be taken
 - Confirmation – This is very important when the prophecy has correction, direction, prediction, elements in it. 2 Corinthians 13:1
8. Understand the higher value of wisdom over revelation, because without wisdom, revelation can be misused.
9. Different ways that the Spirit might communicate with you:
John 16:13-15
- The still small inner witness (impression)
 - A flash of information in your spirit
 - A knowing on the inside
 - Pictures
 - A word, then a sentence, then a paragraph....
 - Physical sensations
10. Don't miss the supernatural while looking for the spectacular! 1 Kings 19:9-14
11. Discern if the Holy Spirit is speaking. If He is not – just keep quiet.
12. Our greatest hindrances to moving in prophecy are our emotions, our opinions, and our reasoning.
13. Gifts and ministry (office) come from God. However, we can train them, we can mature them and perfect them to greater accuracy.

How do we do this:

1. By prayer – THE MORE YOU PRAY THE MORE YOU HEAR FROM GOD AND THE MORE DETAIL YOU HEAR.
2. Fasting – Mathew 9.17. The new wineskin does not come without fasting and prayer.

3. Self restraint – the ability to restrain our emotion, opinion, debate. The ability to hold a word until it is time to release it.
 4. Increasing in faith – you prophesy according to your faith Romans 12:6
 5. Character – builds trust with people. The more trust you have among the people, the greater liberty and faith you can exercise to deliver the prophetic word
 6. Accurate doctrine – keeps you out of error.
14. Don't base your identity in your gift.
If you must have other people hear about your gift – then you are basing your identity on your gift. This is a sign of insecurity.
15. Understand the difference between “value” and “function”.
Your “value” in God is not based on your gifting. Your gift only defines your “function” not your “value”.
16. Guard your motives:
- are you promoting your gift or letting people first see your gift and then make room for it. Proverbs 18:16
 - A true pure word can be given with an impure motive – but the Holy Spirit will not bear witness to it. And if the Holy Spirit does not bear witness, then it will not bless people, it will not give life. The Holy Spirit knows your motives.
17. Do not be too hasty to use the “Thus saith the Lord” or “The Lord says” as a prefix to your prophesy. Instead, it would be much better to just say “I sense in my spirit” or “I sense the Lord laying this on my heart for you....” etc....because this allows the recipient to judge what you are saying.

6. Session 6

6.1. The gifts in personal use

The gifts of the Spirit can be manifested anywhere at any time.

The gifts of the Spirit – in your home

The gifts of the Spirit – in your school/college/workplace

The gifts of the Spirit – in ministering to people

6.2. Releasing the gifts in small-group and corporate settings

1. Use the gifts for edification, not for destruction or condemnation!

1 Corinthians 14:5,12,16,17

2. Let every one participate – possible in cell groups 1 Corinthians 14:26

3. Follow instructions 1 Corinthians 14:27,28

4. Allow yourself to be judged and corrected. Similarly, if some one makes a mistake, correct in love.

5. Promote peace. Maintain order. 1 Corinthians 14:33,40

7. Session 7

7.1. Breakout session

Instructions:

- Pray
- Perceive
- Prophecy

BREAK INTO SMALL GROUPS OF 5-6 PEOPLE IN EACH GROUP AND MINISTER TO ONE ANOTHER BY THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT. THE SIMPLEST WOULD BE TO FLOW IN PROPHECY. TAKE TURNS TO LAY HANDS ON THE PERSON TO YOUR RIGHT. BEGIN TO PRAY. AS YOU ARE PRAYING, BEGIN TO PERCEIVE WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING. IF HE SPEAKS, THEN PROPHECY WHAT HE SAYS.

8. Session 8

8.1. The ministry gifts

Ephesians 4:7,11-13

Difference between the gifts of the Spirit and ministry gifts:

1. The gifts of the Spirit are given by the Spirit. Ministry gifts are given by the Lord Jesus
2. The gifts of the Spirit are available for all believers. Ministry gifts are given to some.
3. The gifts of the Spirit are primarily directed toward the spiritual edification of God's people. Ministry gifts are directed toward equipping God's people for the work of the ministry.
4. The gifts of the Spirit usually minister to a local body. Ministry gifts may do this and in addition also minister to the Body in a larger context (nation, nations, etc.)

8.2. Supporting ministry gifts

We must learn to recognize those with a ministry gift.
We must learn to nurture and encourage them.

8.3. The local church and ministry gifts

Staying connected to the local church. The Holy Spirit is portrayed as Wind and Water – the believer is a living stone.

Proverbs 18:16 Don't be too eager to promote yourself. If you have a gift God will open the door for you to your leadership.

You cannot make it on your own. God has made us and designed us in such a way that we are dependent on others. God uses the imperfections in those around me to perfect the imperfections He sees in me.

Hebrews 13:17

8.4. Prophetic flow

9. TESTIMONY

What God accomplished in me at Church Camp 2005...

(You are welcome to share your testimony with us...please write on this page and hand it to the Camp Captain before you leave. Thank you.)

Name (optional): _____

10. FEEDBACK

(You are welcome to provide any feedback/suggestions, about the arrangements, events, facility, etc., based on your experience at the camp. This will help us improve and do things better at the next church camp ...please write on this page and hand it to the Camp Captain before you leave. Thank you.)

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