

Sunday, June 5, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Gifts for Our Calling

Series: Walking in Our Calling ... 2

Text: Romans 12:1 - 10,

1 Corinthians 12:1 - 11, Ephesians 4:1 - 14

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to learn about THEIR CALLING in Christ Jesus and the Divine Gifts given to enable each one in their calling..

Introduction:

Our devotional from last Sunday was entitled, “Walking in Our Calling” and the text was Ephesians 4:1 - 8

1. Be Holy
2. Be a Kingdom Citizen
3. Be a Servant

~ Today’s devotion is to give an overview of the MAJOR gifts grant to believers.

1. Motivational Gifts:

- ~ Romans 12:1 - 10
- ~ verse 3, *“but to think with sober judgment,”*
- ~ verses 4 - 5, *“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, (5) so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”*
- ~ verse 6, *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:...”*
 - ~ vs. 6, prophecy
 - ~ vs. 7, service
 - ~ vs. 7, teaching
 - ~ vs. 8, exhortation
 - ~ vs. 8, contributes (giving)
 - ~ vs. 8, leads (leadership)
 - ~ vs. 8, mercy
- ~ vs. 10, *“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”* **UNITY**
- ~ vs. 3, *“each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”*

The bestower of the MOTIVATION gifts seems to be God the Father. He sows deep into the soul of every individual a motivating ‘spark’ that energizes and ‘drives’ that person.

2. Spiritual Gifts:

- ~ 1 Corinthians 12:1 - 11
- ~ verses 4 - 7, *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; (5) and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; (6) and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same*

God who empowers them all in everyone. (7) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

- ~ verse 8, *“For to one is given through the Spirit the...”*
 - ~ vs. 8, utterance of wisdom
 - ~ vs. 8, utterance of knowledge
 - ~ vs. 9, faith
 - ~ vs. 9, gifts of healing
 - ~ vs. 10, working of miracles
 - ~ vs. 10, prophecy
 - ~ vs. 10, distinguishing between spirits
 - ~ vs. 10, various kinds of tongues
 - ~ vs. 10, interpretation of tongues
 - ~ verse 11, *“All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”*
 - ~ verse 25, *“that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.”*
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The Holy Spirit gives these gifts as He wills; they are a manifestation of His power working through the believer for the good of the Kingdom of God.

3. Ministry Gifts:

- ~ Ephesians 4:1 - 14
- ~ verse 11, *“And he (Christ Jesus) gave...”*
- ~ vs. 11, apostles
- ~ vs. 11, prophets
- ~ vs. 11, evangelists
- ~ vs. 11, shepherds (pastors)
- ~ vs. 11, teachers
- ~ verse 12, *“to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ,”*
- ~ verse 13, *“until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the fullness of Christ,”*

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Christ Jesus gives offices (people) to the Church to invest in believers that we would all mature into the character of Christ Jesus.

Conclusion:

James 1:17, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”*

1 Corinthians 3:12 -13, *“Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—(13) each one’s work will manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.”*

1 Corinthians 4:2, *“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”*

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