Epilogue (2)

We will now round off the course on Spiritual Gifts by examining 4 more of the issues which saints are to bear in mind as they pursue, discover and exercise their spiritual gifts.

5. Beware of Abuse/Misuse of the Gifts. As has been said variously in this course, let us beware of one of the leavens of Babylon: Using spiritual gifts to achieve fame and to draw people to ourselves as their mediators with Elohim or for making money. In this age of creative photo shopping of faces in slick commercials, this may be a hard pill to swallow! Who can receive this? Who can purpose to point people to Yeshua, Jesus alone and not to self?

The Temptation is real to be puffed up with the spiritual Gifts and callings received in Him and turn around to use them to draw people unto ourselves thinking we are 'building for Him'! When people are drawn to fellow humans and the anointing in them, a perversion of epic proportions ensures! Satan blinds the eyes of ministers - especially if they love the Lord from recognizing that it is a coup against His Kingship they are staging!

The outcome of such perversions is that supposed saints hang around their preferred 'anointed ones' and idolize them to the degree the Omniscience and Omnipresence of Elohim recedes in memory as the desire to please the human vessel leads to systemic hypocrisy.

Before long, there is charismatic witchcraft which has its toll on supposed saints as they become spectators around such heroes in pulpits. The consequence is that instead of growing to live like sons of Elohim who discover and fulfil their Melchizedek priesthoods, they become a mixed multitude of Strangers; Unwilling slaves; Orphans and Babes ever needing milk. They may be ‘awarded titles and church offices’ but are dependent clients of those who manipulate them for personal advantage, unable to rightly divide the word of scripture and empower others.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (KJV) 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

6. Spiritual Gifts are irrevocable. It is possible to fall out of a living relationship with Elohim in Yeshua, Jesus and backslide from the truth and yet the gifts may be still in operation. This is because the Lord does not withdraw gifts that are given to individuals.

Romans 11:29 (KJV) 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

This truth has been proved in ministers whose lives have become persistently reproachful yet they ‘minister powerfully in the Charismatic gifts’. In that case, the very gift given to be a blessing then becomes the basis of a curse:

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

That is why as we invest in knowing and manifesting spiritual gifts, we also need to invest in development of the character received by transformational work of Holy Spirit deep within us.

Galatians 5:22-23 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The same Holy Spirit who empowers us to be vessels of demonstrating the awesome power of the risen Yeshua, Jesus also wants to change us from inside out! We also need to ask Elohim to give us the ability to discern people so we are not carried away by the gifts!

1. Special Word. Your spiritual gift is, from a practical point of view, your true Kingdom identity among the +7 billion people on earth! It will make a way for you and combine with the Spirit of Favour to guarantee Open Doors and access to any blessing Abba approved for you in this life! To neglect, ignore or not walk in your spiritual gifts is to live a crippled spiritual life. Ultimately, the dead works of religion and politics will fill the void!

Proverbs 18:16 (KJV) 16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

Power changed hands at Calvary and the Resurrection morning over 2000 years ago! 50 Days later, the Church of Jesus was birthed in Power in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost!

Proof of your portion in the victory of the Crucified and Risen Yeshua, Jesus is the measure of Holy Spirit at work in and through you as spiritual gifts! Refuse to remain a spectator in the Kingdom of Elohim; refuse to come to 'church' to seek, week to week 'anointed men and women of God' who are paid to minister to you while you remain on the pew as part of a dormant 'laity'! Discover your gifts, stir them up constantly as you prayerfully deploy them in everyday life, not just when saints congregate in the building.

Joseph never ministered in a Temple for one day. Yet he walked in his calling and fulfilled it in public service to Pharaoh and the Kingdom of Egypt! Daniel never ministered in a Temple for one day but was fulfilled through the gifts of Holy Spirit which showed up in his vessel in the courts of heathen kings of Babylon and Medo-Persia. Arise from sleep! Put on the overall armour of Elohim and exercise your spiritual gifts, allowing them to carry you on the wings of grace to soar above the natural realm! Your set time of manifestation is now...

2. Final Word: Spiritual Gifts are not a call to Isolation and Independence! When you discover your spiritual gifts and callings, the Lord is equipping you to play a more effective part in the expression of His Body which He made you part of by Grace.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Those who use discovery of their spiritual gifts as basis of detaching themselves from the Body are in error.

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

We are called to avoid the Elijah syndrome of Isolationism because it is the surest way to faint and possibly fall. Those who are isolated from the Body and walk alone often fall hard.

Romans 11:1-5 (KJV) 1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

With these realities in mind, the basis of separation from a Body of believers where one was part of can only be necessitated by some very strong reasons. These include: Specific election by Elohim which is confirmed by Leadership and other saints. Other reasons may include: Where the fellowship of believers is stuck in religion, denominationalism and refuse to be open to receive revelation of Kingdom truths. In that case, the one who Elohim is separating will be imbued with a sense of mission that is so all consuming and undeniable!

There is security in the Body as our strengths and weaknesses balance out when we draw from others and release them also.

We urge those who study this course to avoid the dangerous habit of cherry-picking what tickles the ear or fit into idols in the heart while leaving off those which can lead to deliverance from fleshly impulses.

Spiritual gifts are gifts of Grace from Holy Spirit and should be exercised in the consciousness of the Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotence and Omnibenevolence of Elohim. They function best when flesh and its tendencies are crucified. As we close out this intensely practical course, the questions that arise are:

Who are you in the Spirit?
What has Holy Spirit gifted you to be and do? What Next: The Challenge before you!

Know these truths, appropriate them and walk in them in order to give space to Holy Spirit Who will use you as a vessel to demonstrate the present phase of the Kingdom and declare that which is to come!

Keep us in earnest prayers as we posture to receive, faithfully write down and distribute the counsel of the Lord for saints worldwide. The love of Yeshua, Jesus constrains us to spend and be spent to ensure saints across the world are equipped to be bright lights as gross darkness begins to cover the earth on several fronts!

The Lord obviously expects you to now play your part in empowering others within your sphere of influence! Please share part or the whole of **Spiritual Gifts: *What they are and how they operate*** freely with friends and family! Because the Word of the King cannot be bound by Babylonian copyright restrictions, you do not need special permission to share them in congregations, on social media or in Bible classes!

Beyond study for self-edification, The King of Kings wants to raise an army of fit-for-purpose co-labourers who will connect, be mobilized and march in formation to train and equip saints across the world in a holistic expression of the Great Commission before He returns (Matthew 24:14).

If you feel He calls you to be a vessel for training other saints within your sphere of influence, please send us a note at visionarymail7@gmail.com and we shall further equip you to fulfil this scripture:

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Let the two questions be asked again: (i). If Not you, who?
(ii). If Not Now, when?

Assignments

(1). Please summarize any 3 points in this chapter that have perfected your understanding of Spiritual Gifts.

(2) On a scale of 1 – 100 percent, how would you rate the usefulness of this course in helping you to have greater understanding of Spiritual Gifts?