

12. Manifestation Gifts

Spiritual Gifts—God's Way

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Ok. So these two passages of Scripture, 1 Corinthians 12 and then 1 Corinthians then 1 Corinthians 14. So let's review the types of spiritual gifts and, first of all, there is the motivation gifts. You don't seek these gifts. You figure out which one God has given to you. When you got saved he gave you one of these seven gifts that is listed in Romans chapter 12. And every believer has one of them. The Bible says he gives to each one severally or individually as he will. So God picked that gift for you because he knew it fit you.

Then there is the ministry gifts. These are gifts that have the Greek word *διακονια* (deak-on-ee'-ah) associated with them. They are the word for ministry, the word we get deacon from. These are listed in two places. First of all, Ephesians four where he talks about apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers. And then in 1 Corinthians 12 verses 27 through 31 which we covered last week which was talking about the ministry gifts and some of us were probably a little surprised to learn last week that there is a ministry gift of healings and a ministry gift of tongues, but not anything like what we think of when we hear the words gifts of healings or gifts of tongues today because of the kind of the charismatic perversion of a lot of those things.

So there was a ministry gift of those things, but today we are going to turn our attention to the next category which is the manifestation gifts and the manifestation gifts of tongues is different than the ministry gift of tongues. Manifestation gifts of healings is different than the ministry gift of healings and so I am going to give you an opportunity to see some of that in a little bit. And then, of course, there is a third gift and that gift is or the fourth category of gift actually, because in 1 Peter chapter four it lists hospitality as a gift. So we hospitality we don't think of as a spiritual gift, but it is one all of us should practice, inviting people into our home. If they are lost we invite them in our home and share the gospel with them. Once you have ministered a meal to them, it is a whole lot easier and you have fellowshiped with them a little bit it is a easier, maybe, to share the gospel.

Also just have other Christians in your home and promote the body life. There is nothing quite like fellowship over a meal.

Now the relationship between these three gifts is that every Christian has one motivation gift and that is given to him by God at the moment of salvation. Then the church gives someone an opportunity for ministry and God blesses that ministry and as you use your motivation gift in the ministry the church has given to you, then you have a manifestation produced in those who receive your ministry.

So maybe I am teaching something this morning and one of you suddenly understands a scriptural principle that applies to your life that you never understood before. That would be getting the word of knowledge. Maybe you suddenly see life from God's perspective and understand something about your life situation not from your perspective which is limited, but like you were hovering over your life in a helicopter from God's perspective. You really understand it. And then that is, that is the word of wisdom to understand it that way.

Some of you may be emboldened to go carry out a ministry that God has given you a vision for and now you have the faith to take that first step and go do that ministry. That would be the word of faith.

And so a manifestation is produced in the recipients of a ministry where someone is using their motivation gift in a ministry that is provided by the church.

Now we have to remember the purpose of spiritual gifts is the purpose of spiritual gifts is never to glorify ourselves. It is never to build ourselves up. It is never to edify ourselves. The purpose of gifts is strictly to glorify God. And any time you are using a spiritual gift, if it brings glory to yourself, you are not doing it right, ok? And, consequently when someone gets up in the middle of an assembly and they just start, you know, speaking in tongues, we are going to talk about that a lot today, but Paul in 1 Corinthians 14 says that when you speak in an unknown tongue you edify yourself, but you don't edify the church. He says, "Seek rather prophesying." Why? Because prophesy edifies the whole church.

So our purpose is to edify others and to glorify God. It is not to get some buzz for ourselves or to feel good about ourselves or to make ourselves look spiritual.

Now, by the way, I believe in freedom within worship to do what God moves you to do as long as we are sure it is God, ok? So in respect to Matt, I will use the correct muscle name this week. But we don't have the divine deltoids as Baptists that help us hold our arms up a lot. I don't care if you hold your arms up if what you are doing is praise to God.

Now I have known people that held it up and then they looked around to see if other people were as spiritual as they were, were they are holding their hands, too?

If you do that, that is kind of an arrogant self righteous attitude. I don't have a problem with you doing that. That is a free expression of praise in your heart and that is just, you

know, that is just what happens in your body because your heart is so full of the love of Christ. That is fine. But if you do it and you look at everybody else who doesn't do it and say, "Well, they are not as spiritual as I am," then that is not an appropriate expression of worship because arrogance shouldn't come with appropriate worship, right?

So we need to be careful about that. But the gift only fulfills the purpose that God intended for it if it glorifies himself. So let's look specifically just at the manifestation gifts and to do this let's look and read the passages together in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 27 through 31.

It says this.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.¹

And, by the way, those categories I came up with earlier of the motivation, the ministry and the manifestation, they are not my categories. They are God's categories. And I am always fascinated when I read books or articles on spiritual gifts that man always put their own categories on the gifts. They say, "Well, there is the verbal gifts and the non verbal gifts. There are the revelatory gifts and the non revelatory gifts or there is the static gifts and the non ecstatic gifts."

But God gave us three different sets of Greek words describing spiritual gifts because he wanted us to know there were three different kinds and I am saying the motivation, manifestation and ministry. He said those were three different specific categories of gifts and we need to understand those separately. So God came up with those division, not myself.

So let's look at the manifestation gifts. They are listed here in this passage, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31. And it says in 1 Corinthians "diversities of operations." Now a couple of different Greek words associated with this category. There is the Greek word ενεργημα (en-erg'-ay-mah) which means to have an effect. So it is the effect produced in someone else. And, by the way, for you kids that are going to write school papers, let me give you a little spelling lesson right now. You might want to write this down. There is a lot of adults don't even do this right. When you see effect with a n e that is a noun. When you see affect with an a or affect, that is usually a verb. It occasionally can be used as a noun, but it is mostly a verb. So you can say, "I was really affected by that sermon," and it would be A F F E C T E D. And if you say the effect of the sermon was to motivate me,

¹ 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

then that was... would be an E F F E C T. So a little spelling lesson for you home schoolers there because a lot of people don't get that right.

So a manifestation gift, the other word is φανερωσις (fan-er'-o-sis) which means to show or to reveal or to make manifest. So a manifestation gift is not a permanent gift. It is not something like, you know, I have the gift of teaching. I will have that my whole life, because that is what God gave me at the moment I became a Christian. Or God gave my daughter the gift of administration and so she has that ability to organize in ways that I don't. Now that is a permanent thing. It is not a ministry gift. This is not given by the church. This church doesn't say, "Well, you have a ministry. You are going to be in charge of the word of wisdom." No, that is a manifestation gift. So it is not a ministry of the Church. It is an effect produced as a result of someone using their motivation gift in a ministry of the church.

So what are the manifestation gifts? The first one is the word of wisdom that he mentions here. Wisdom is being able to see life from God's point of view. It is not just understanding the Word, but knowing how the Word of God applies to your life.

Now Proverbs 9:10 has a much overlooked, we have all heard this verse, we have all read it in our devotionals, but it is still a very overlooked verse of Scripture. In Proverbs 9:10 it says this.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."²

And so we get the word... we are not going to get any wisdom if we don't first of all have fear of the Lord. So if you see someone that says, "Oh, I just got the word of wisdom," and they want to share it with you, ascertain, you know, we are to judge people by fruits and we are to judge the fruit of a person's life. We can't judge their hearts. You can't see their hearts. But do they give evidence in their life that they truly revere and awe and fear the almighty God? They need to be that kind of person if they are going to share something with you.

So when the Holy Spirit helps us to fear the Lord, then you begin to understand life from his perspective. Why? Because if you fear somebody you usually stop when he talks and you will listen to him. And when I fear God, I stop and I listen to him and I start listening to what he says to me and I understand life from God's perspective.

So what does it mean to fear the Lord? Well, the fear of the Lord is kind of a two edged sword. In one sense we are to have a fear or terror of God's awesome power, wrath and justice.

Now I travel a lot in my job as a software engineer and so if I happen to be out, in fact, in just a few weeks from now I will be out in Washington, DC which is my home away

² Proverbs 9:10.

from home where I work with the defense department, you know, about every six weeks and I stay at the same hotel every time and pick that hotel after trying a lot of others. But I know that even though nobody is there from this church and nobody is watching me and none of my family is there, I know that I have to be careful what television programs I would allow myself to see. I know how I have to use my time in a righteous way and not in a frivolous way. Why? Because God sees all. There, you know, God doesn't miss anything. Even if it is dark, he sees just like it is broad daylight. And so you will never do anything that you miss God.

Now I have a fear of the Lord in that I don't want to lose his blessings, you know? Yes, I fear being chastised, too, because I am one of his children and God disciplines the children he loves. Now you kiddos, teenagers, others, if your children, if your parents discipline you occasionally it is because they love you. And when they say that old line, you know, this is going to hurt me more than it hurts you, that is true about half the time. The other time, you know, I won't... you will have to figure out when that is, ok? But I do want you to know it is not something we enjoy. I don't enjoy chastening children, but I do enjoy the results that it produces in the long run to produce a godly child that you want to spend time with because they are a pleasure to be around and they are a joy to be around.

And so you need to understand that, you know, I fear the Lord. I don't want to be chastened. I also just don't want to lose his blessing.

James one says that every good gift and every perfect gift is continually coming down from above from the father of lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning. God has given me every good thing that I have. So that is an important thing for me.

So we need to have a fear of the Lord. And in one sense it is a terror. And in more positive terms it means to have respect and reverence and awe, but under no circumstance does it mean we ought to take God casually.

I cringe every time I hear somebody call God the guy upstairs or the big man upstairs. Or, you know, I just cringe. That is being flippant. I don't talk about the King of kings and the Lord of lords with casual terms. He deserves your respect any time that you talk to him.

And, you know, and I marvel at how flippantly our whole society takes the name of God. I mean, if anybody is ever surprised, what is the first two words out of their mouth? Oh, God. What are they doing? They are using the name of God in vain.

We ought not to be doing that. That should not be our first reaction. That is being flippant about the name of God.

Let's look at the next manifestation gift and that is the word of knowledge. Now this means to understand and discern spiritual truths. Now spiritual knowledge is spiritually

discerned. If you ever hear someone that has been reading their Bible and say, “I just don’t get it,” that should tell you something. It tells you that they either A) don’t have a relationship with the Holy Spirit because they have never received Christ as their Savior or B) they haven’t really... the Holy Spirit is not active in their life in the sense that, maybe they have grieved the Holy Spirit of God through their sin. Maybe they just simply... they don’t... they start reading the Bible and don’t bother to stop first and ask God to show them what it is they are reading. And I still think one of the best ways to read the Bible is to read one verse and then stop and pray and say, “God, is there anything in that verse you got for me?”

A lot of times you won’t hear anything, but you are reading another verse, God is there anything in this verse that pertains to me? And all of the sudden God will say, “Well, now that you ask. I have been meaning to talk to you about this problem.”

And you will read that verse and you will say, “Wow, boy, I had a real problem in my life there. It is a blind spot I wasn’t aware of. God, would you forgive me of that? God would you give me the grace to overcome this blind spot in my life?”

And if you will read God’s Word like that and pray it back to God you will be amazed at how much more you get out of your Bible study. Why? Spiritual knowledge is spiritually discerned. And so that is just crucial that we understand that.

This also begins with the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7 says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”³

So what is the beginning of knowledge? The fear of the Lord. So a good thing that we also practice learning fear of the Lord.

By the way, parents, one of the most important things you can ever do in the life of your children is to drill in them from a very early age, I am talking from at least the age of two and a half or three, the fear of the Lord.

I was talking to one of my kids this week and they had witnessed a mother here in our church that two of her girls were having a little spat and the mother just leaned down and whispered to them and the spat stopped instantly. And she said, “Daddy, I was standing close enough. I could hear what she said.”

And I said, “What did she say?”

And she said she leaned down between her two children and she says, “Do you think Jesus is happy with what he is hearing and seeing between the two of you right now?”

Instantly both the girls hung their head in shame like, “No, momma, it is not.”

³ Proverbs 1:7.

Now these are both very young girls, but isn't it amazing that this mother has taught her children to look at things from a spiritual perspective and to put Jesus back into the picture of their lives. And you need to start doing that as a parent at the ages of two and three to talk to them when they misbehave and say, "Is Jesus happy with it?"

And then take them to the Word of God. You know, we have a discipline chart. It is actually posted on our church website. It is one that we have used for years. And we used to take kids to the chart and we would say, "Ok, let's look up what you have just done here. Ok. Here is a verse."

It gives two Bible verses for everything a kid can do. One is here is a verse why this behavior is wrong according to Scripture. And over here is a verse about what the right behavior is. Now, discipline is a two edged sword. You need to tell them what is wrong. But you also need to tell them what is right. If you just tell them what is wrong, that doesn't help them. That is punishing them.

Let me tell you the difference between punishment and correction. Punishment just assigns a penalty for the thing that was done that was wrong. Correction shows them what was wrong, but then also instructs them in what right behavior is. That is what it... the Bible means when it says, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." You instruct them in what is right and that is... Paul refers to it to another way in Ephesians four. He says we are to put off the old man, but we are to put on the new man. And that is why I love that discipline chart on our website because it has one column for putting off the old man and another column for putting on the new man. It is a great tool.

Now, I will tell you a little trick, though. If you will just praise godly character in your children, you will find that you won't have to use that chart much because you will always get more of what you praise as a parent. And so praise godly character and you will get a lot more of that.

So the word of knowledge here, 1 Corinthians 2:14 talks about how that wisdom is spiritually discerned.

It says this.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."⁴

So you will see the word of knowledge in action whenever someone receives a special understanding of Christ and his Word. The way I like to think of it is a spiritual light bulb goes on in his head and he has an aha moment. Aha. I understand what the Bible is saying now about this subject. That is the word of knowledge.

⁴ 1 Corinthians 2:14.

The next gift is what he calls the faith or the word of faith. The manifestation gift of faith goes beyond the faith that you just need for salvation. We all have to come to a point at some point in our lives where we realize that we are sinners. We have all done wrong, haven't we?

Without raising your hands, let me just ask. How many of you have ever told a lie? Well, I will raise my hand.

Ok. How many of you have ever taken something that didn't belong to you in your whole life? Ok. Maybe not.

Now how many of you have ever coveted something somebody else had that God didn't want you to have. Oh, I will do that one, too, ok?

Now let me explain something to you. We all do that. Now if you sat there and said you have never done any of that, then you are guilty of the sin of lying. You have just borne false witness, ok?

So we are all sinners. We are all come sort of the glory of God. So at some point we need to say, "God, I... because I am a sinner, I can never live a completely righteous life to let me into glory. Because of that I need to accept the gift that Jesus took my whooping for me. He took my punishment for me on the cross of Calvary. He died for my sins. He rose again and I want him to be my Lord and Savior."

Now that takes faith. But there is another kind of faith that goes beyond that and when you get the manifestation gift of faith it means visualizing what God wants to accomplish in you life. And when God wants to accomplish something through you, he will give you the faith to do it.

Now I sometimes... I have what I call super man syndrome. I see a need and I think it is my job to fill it, ok? I don't know if any of you, if the rest of you are like that, but I, you know, I feel like I have to rush to every disaster. And the thing is. Sometimes God hasn't called me to solve a problem. And so I will see the problem. I will have an idea, but it is kind of like I don't have the grace to go do that thing, because that is not my problem. And I have to recognize which things come from God and which things are just me with my super man syndrome, ok?

So what we need to do instead is we need to... when God moves on our heart and says, "This is a vision that I have for your life," then he will give you the faith to go out and do that. He will give you practical steps to go and do it. He will give you the courage and the boldness to do it.

You know, my vision for my life is really to minister to dads beaus that is my passion. I love ministering to fathers. I love teaching them about being dads. You know, and don't know where that is taking me yet, but I know that is the light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak. And that is where my passion is.

Now, how do you get this gift of faith? Well, Romans 10:17 says, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”⁵

I think you will not get the manifestation gift of faith unless you have been hearing the Word of God. Maybe it is just hearing it read. Maybe it is hearing yourselves speak it as you are reading your Bible during Bible study. Maybe it is hearing the Word of God taught or hearing the Word of God preached or someone giving their testimony. But one way or another you will hear something in the Word that suddenly says, “That is what God wants me to do with my life.”

And not only that. He will say, “That is what I am going to do and I am going to take the step to go out and do it. I am going to act on that vision that God has given for me.”

And I think that is so cool when, especially, you know, maybe a young man, he hears a sermon, maybe it is about missions and suddenly he feels burdened. That is what God wants him to do. He wants him to be a missionary. He wants to surrender his life to ministry. And I dare say that we will probably see more young people in this church surrender themselves to ministry than most churches will ever see, because they have ministry oriented families.

It is... it used to be very common thing. Mommas and daddies used to pray for their boys to grow up to be preachers. And momma and daddy don't pray that anymore because you can't make a good living at it, ok? And that is the way the world has kind of changed.

And do you know what? You should pray that your... all of you children would grow up to go to the ministry of some kind. It doesn't mean they have to be a professional minister. It doesn't mean that they have to, you know, be on the payroll of the church. But you need to pray that all of your children will be in ministry. Why? Because then they will accrue riches they will enjoy of eternity.

Don't you want that for your kids?

Not only that, I am going to suggest something else to you. If your children grow up in a life of ministry, I believe you will accrue riches that will last for an eternity, because you are the end points that started that.

I believe we will not know the full effect of our lives until we get to heaven and we see how many lives we influence and sometimes it may be that we influence and disciple someone who went and influenced someone else. I believe we are going to get ... I hate to call it multi level marketing, ok, but I believe that we are going to see rewards for multiple generations of those we influence if God, you know, allows that much time before he returns.

⁵ Romans 10:17.

Now let's talk about the gifts of healings. Now I mentioned this last week because this is also listed under the ministry gifts. You will notice. Every time the Bible talks about his, it never says the gift of healing. So I cringe when someone says, "Well, I went to a service where there was a Baptist healer."

Let me make something very clear. There is no such thing as a Baptist healer, because there is no one who has the gift of healing. There is a God who heals. And all healing comes from God. Now there may be a minister who knows how to pray with faith and ask God to work in someone's life. But let's be clear about something. If there is healing, who gets the credit for it? God does. This is why the Bible never talks about anyone having a gift of healing. The only person that ever had that was Jesus Christ. And do you know what Jesus said about himself? I can do nothing apart from my Father, ok? That is pretty remarkable.

But it is arrogant to go around saying, "Well, I have got the gift of healing."

So when you see Benny Hinn on television and he is walking around and he is running up and putting his hand on somebody's head and praying and he knocks them backwards and suddenly they get up and they can walk or whatever. Ok, he claims to have the gift of healing, but the Bible is very clear. There are gifts of healings. These are individual gifts to individual people who need to be healed.

There isn't anyone walking around with the gift to be able to heal people.

Now last week we talked about the ministry gifts of healings which means that a church should have a ministry of prayer where they pray believing prayers of faith for miracles that only God can do. Now very often we miss this. You know, we get together in prayer meeting and we pray for God give wisdom to the doctors as they treat so and so. And the problem is that so and so gets better, you know, we say, "Oh, God did a wonderful thing." And everybody gives credit to the doctor, ok? I believe God is capable and I know this because I walked with a cane for eight and a half years and God healed me. I believe God can still heal individuals. Now he healed me because he taught me a spiritual principle I didn't understand and when I began to apply it, God took my disease away from me.

But you need to understand that God gives individual gifts of healings to those that need it.

Now the ministry gift of the church is to pray for those who are sick and, by the way, a little tip here for those of you who don't know. When you are sick, the first person we usually call is the clinic or the doctor for an appointment, right? The Bible says in 2 Chronicles 16 that Richard preached or taught a Sunday school lesson on a couple of Sundays ago that King Asa it says he "was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians."⁶

⁶ 2 Chronicles 16:12.

Wait. That is the way we are. You know, we criticize King Asa, but the first person we go to when we are sick is where? The doctor.

In biblical terms who... where is the first person we ought to go to? We ought to call the pastor. What does he say in James chapter five? You are to call for the elders and they are to come to your house and they are to anoint you with oil and pray over you the prayer of faith. Now that is the way it is supposed to happen. You are to call for the elders. The elders are supposed to come. They are supposed to anoint you with oil. They are supposed to pray over you.

By the way, it is not the job of the elders to say, “Oh, so and so is sick. I need to go over there,” because the sick person is supposed to have faith in God and call for the elder. That is what the Scripture says, James chapter five. Go home and read it for yourself, ok?

So we need to think about this as Christians. Do we really want to instantly go to the doctor or do we want to talk to God first, ok? And, you know, how are we going to go about doing that. We need to think about the biblical way of doing that.

Ok, so the gifts of healings here... By the way, it says in King James here “healing,” but in Greek it is plural. So you might just go in your Bible and add an S to healing in this passage because it is plural in the Greek.

How does this usually work? Usually a person hears the Word of God taught and they realize that there is something in their life that is not quite right and they repent of that thing and, amazingly, as a result of repenting of that sin, it may be that that will have a physical effect in their bodies. You are a spirit, soul and body in that order. For ever one time the Bible mentions your body, it mentions your soul—that is your mind, will and emotions three times—and it mentions your spirit six times. That means, according to God, you are 60 percent spirit, you are 30 percent soul and you are 10 percent body.

Now when you treat someone, you should treat the whole man. It is called holistic health, ok? And what you should do is a wise doctor would ask whether or not there were any spiritual problems in the person and then find out if there were any psychological issues and then treat the body. But all we do when we go to the doctor usually is he gives us a pill. By the way, pills come from a place called the pharmacy, the Greek word for witchcraft is φαρμακεια (far-mak-i'-ah).

And in Revelation 19 it says in the last days many will be deceived by φαρμακεια (far-mak-i'-ah).

And we have got a whole society that thinks you can fix everything with a pill or a drug or a shot of thorazine or some mellaril or some haldol or something like that. And we think that that is the solution to keeping things under control.

I am not saying that medicine is never necessary. Sometimes it is essential to medically intervene so that you can correct a chemical imbalance so that then you can counsel

someone. But I do believe that the majority of the problems are of a spiritual and psychological nature more so than a physical nature. We need to look at those kinds of things.

Now there are some diseases of the spirit, 1 John two. You know, for the lust of the eyes and, you know, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life, all these are not of the father, but are of the world. So he mentions three things there. There is the lust of the flesh which is sexual immorality. There is the lust of the eyes. That is wanting stuff that you can't have. That is greed. And then there is the bitterness which is the pride of life.

Now why do we call bitterness the pride of life? Because the person who is bitter is always saying, "I deserve better than I got." That is why it is prideful to be bitter.

Now, by the way, sexual immorality and bitterness, at least those two can lead to great numbers of physical problems and so spiritual lies, the Bible says in 2 Timothy chapter two and verse 17 that if you listen to false teachings, the words of those false teachings eat as a canker. Canker is a King James word for cancer, ok? And he says it eats just like cancer.

Interestingly enough, bitterness has the same connotation in the Scripture that it is like a canker. It eats away at you. And we now know that people who are consistently bitter have higher acidic content to their organs, in other words, the Ph is higher, more acid, or, excuse me, that would be lower. Which way is it? I am... let me think about that in just a minute. Yeah, it is lower, yeah, because, ok, because Coke has a Ph of two and that would be a highly acidic.

So the idea here is you are going to have a lower Ph level and any time you get a bodily organ, by the way, with a Ph level under about 5.5, cancer cells start growing. They start flourishing.

So if you are bitter all the time and you go around with maybe an acidic diet and an attitude of bitterness to combine, you are more likely, you are more prone to cancer.

And so think about that. Deal with the bitterness first. The fact is, let me just tell you a little secret. It isn't any fun to be bitter. Ok? And life will deal you a lot of hardships. You have got two choices. You can get bitter or better. Those are your two choices. Are you going to be bitter or better. Think about it. Which one do you want? Ok?

So there is some other diseases, discouragement, Psalm 42:5.

Donald, thank you.

Psalm 42:5 says, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."⁷

⁷ Psalm 42:5.

Let me tell you a little trick I have just recently learned, because I have just recently saw Psalm 42 in a new light that I have not seen before. David was depressed. And I have had some challenges with this myself. And David was depressed and one of the first things he does is he starts talking to himself. That is absolutely a good thing when you are depressed.

Let me explain. He says, “Why art thou cast down, O my soul?”⁸

So he gets up out of bed in the morning, instantly this wave of sadness hits him. He feels depressed. He is cast down. And rather than wallow in the mire of his depression, what does he say?

“Soul, now listen. I just got out of bed and you are already making me feel bad. Why are you cast down. Why are you disquieted within me? Listen, soul. You hope in God who is the help of my countenance and my God.”

See, you can't wait for the circumstances to change and say, “Oh, I could be happy now.”

Listen, if you are waiting for the circumstances to change to be happy, you ain't ever going to be happy because the circumstances will never be your light. Ok?

What we need to do, instead, is we need to do a little self soul talk and correct our soul and it says, “By faith...” And this is faith talking.

“By faith I am going to hope in God. I am going to trust in God. I will do what God wants me to do and I am not going to listen to these negative feelings that I woke up with.”

And, by the way, the verses I hang my hat on a lot, a lot of times are the closing verses of Habakkuk chapter three. I think it is verses 17 and 18. It says, you know, even if there is no figs on the trees and there is no fruit on the vine and there is no cattle in the stalls, in other words, if everything goes crazy, yet will I praise God.

Boy, that is an awesome thing. Just read the closing verses of Habakkuk chapter three and it will put you a little bit on shouting ground. It will put your feet on the high places like the ram's feet. In fact, I think Habakkuk mentions that very thing. So check those verses out on your own time. So diseases of the spirit, discouragement, worry.

There is an old poem a long time ago. It says, “All the worry in the world might wear you pretty thin, but it won't hurt one little bit until you let them in.”

You know, so the problem is we have got lots of worries, but if we let them inside us, it is like there was a story about a guy one time that his stool broke and it only had two legs. You know, and a stool needs three legs to stand up very well. So he cut a piece out. He

⁸ Ibid.

was riding in a boat. He cut a piece out of the side of the boat so that he would have an extra leg for his stool. The problem is the boat sank. Ok?

So it is just like that. You know, if we let the water in, the ship is going to sink. If we let the worries into our soul then we are going to sink in discouragement and despondency and worry.

Do you know that worry is a sin? Have you thought about that? In Philippians 4:4 when it says, "Be careful..." No, excuse me, 4:6. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Be careful for nothing in King James. It literally says, "Stop worrying." In fact, it is more explicitly the word "worry" means to have a divided mind. He says, "Stop having a divided mind."

Now why is worry a divided mind, because you say you trust God and yet you think he can't do anything about your situation. You say God is omnipresent and yet you think he is not here close enough to see what is going on. You say that God knows everything, but it is kind of like God doesn't know about my problem, so I have got to do something about it.

So be careful. He literally says, "Stop worrying."

Now Scripture tells you and it is an imperative verb. If Scripture says stop worrying and you are worrying, what is it? It is a sin because you are doing what God's Word told you to stop doing.

By the way, it is interesting to me in Greek. There is two ways of saying don't do something. There is one way that says never do it and there is another way that say stop doing it. Paul said, "Stop worrying." Do you know why he didn't say, "Don't ever worry?" He knew we were already worrying. Paul could see into your heart. That ought to worry you a little bit, shouldn't it? No, never mind.

Ok, so stop worrying, ok? That is the real sin there. Ok? Jealousy. By the way, there is a difference between jealousy and in fact is... correct that. I am going to correct this slide. Don't write down the word "jealousy" if you are taking notes. Write down the word "envy," ok? Let me explain the difference. Here is the difference in Scripture. Envy is wanting what somebody else has that God hasn't give to you. Jealousy is protecting what God has given you.

I am jealous over my wife. One of you guys makes a pass at her, I have got a nine millimeter waiting to talk to you. Ok? Don't do it. Ok?

So I am protective of my wife. Why? Because she is my wife. Ok? And two guys in Natchitoches, Texas almost found out just how serious I was about that one time. Ok? So

she is my wife. Don't mess with her. Ok? That is jealousy. That is appropriate. God says, "For the LORD thy God is a jealous God."⁹

Now God's jealousy can't be bad. Right?

But envy is wanting what somebody else has instead.

What are we to do instead? Matthew 5:5 says, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."¹⁰

We ought to yield up our rights. We ought to just be meek and take what God gives us in our life and we ought to be glad when God blesses somebody else or somebody else has got something that we don't have. Let's be glad for them, but don't envy it for yourself.

So a better term here would be envy.

Psalm 103 says:

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.¹¹

By the way, one of the best ways to bless God is just don't forget what he has done for you. Do you know what blesses me as a parent? Occasionally one of my kids will speak up and tell about something or write about something that I did or said in the past that was an influence on them. And they are grateful for it. That blesses me.

How long has it been since you just got on your knees and said, "God, I want to talk, but I am not bringing my shopping list today. I just wanted to mention some things that I am really grateful to you for."

Have you done that lately? Go home and try that this week. You do not have to wait. I am sorry. This will blow some of your theology. It is going to rattle your cages just a little bit. But you do not have to wait until Thanksgiving week to do this. Ok? You should try to do it all the time, in fact.

All right, well, let's go on. There is diseases of the body. If someone has a disease of the body, it is possible that it could be cured by dealing with the thing that causes it. Now let me be very clear about something. Not every physical illness is caused by spiritual problems. Now I got really...

To use an east Texas expression, something happened one day that gritted my gourd because one of the sweetest church members I have ever known who had a servant's heart, who had love for everybody, one of the kindest people I have ever known, there

⁹ Deuteronomy 6:15.

¹⁰ Matthew 5:5.

¹¹ Psalm 103:2-3.

was a deacon's wife in my church that went up to her and said the reason that she had cancer in her female organs was because she had some sin in her life she needed to confess of.

I knew Miss Virginia. That wasn't the case. This woman never had an ounce of bitterness. This woman loved the Lord. This woman had a right relationship to the Lord.

You need to know. Not every sickness comes because of a spiritual thing. But I will also tell you a lot of sicknesses come from scriptural problems. If you are bitter, you are more likely to have cancer. A person who has a fear of being left alone is more likely to have asthma than other people are going to do. So I just want you to know that sometimes though we will repent. God will move on us. We will hear of a spiritual truth. We will repent of a condition and our body clears up because the Spirit is now right with him and because our soul is right with him.

Anybody that knows anything about the interaction of the mind, will and emotions will know. Have you ever heard somebody say, "Well, they just worried themselves sick"?

Guess what? You can do that. Ok? You can make yourself sick just by virtue of...

So just be aware of that.

Now let's look at Exodus 15:26, a wonderful promise in this verse.

"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."¹²

Let me tell you a little secret. All those Old Testament dietary laws, we are not obligated to follow them, but, do you know what? God gave those laws to his people for two reasons. One, so that they could demonstrate their love for him and, secondly, so that he could show his love and provision for them, by keeping them healthy. That is the way he says, "None of these diseases will come upon you that come upon the Egyptians."

Do you have to circumcise male children? No, not... you know, we are under grace. We are not under the law. Are there health benefits associated with doing so? You bet there are. That is why God commanded his Old Testament people to do it. He was keeping them a level of healthy that the Egyptians didn't have.

Similarly, what about dietary laws? Is it bad to eat shrimp? Well, I ate some yesterday so I will confess because Richard was going to call me a hypocrite if I didn't say that. So, you know, I had jambalaya yesterday that had shrimp in it. But should you be eating it all the time? Well, it is one of the highest foods in cholesterol and so if you are trying to

¹² Exodus 15:26.

keep your cholesterol, down, probably not a smart thing to do. It probably wasn't smart for me to do it, ok?

So are there benefits? And, of course, back then there were other problems as well, parasites and things that we don't have quite as much problem with today. But there were benefits to those things. So there were laws about how long a husband and wife should wait to renew marital relations after a child was born. And it was different for a man child and different for a woman child and there is a physical reason behind it that people need to understand.

Let's look at the gift of miracles, very quickly. The manifestation gift, we talked about the ministry gift of miracles last week. That is having a church meet together to pray for God to do stuff that nobody else is big enough to do, not just the stuff that maybe the doctors could do if they had the right combination of, but pray for miracles. But there is a manifestation gift of a miracle. A miracle is a supernatural event or a natural event with precise timing that brings glory to God.

And so the ministry gift of miracles is for people to pray for God to do something great. The manifestation gifts is when that prayer is answered, when he does a miracle in someone's life.

Romans 8:26 says, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."¹³

Now let's look at the gift of prophecy. The gift of prophecy, the motivation gift of prophecy is a drive to proclaim truth and expose sin. There is a motivation gift called prophecy in Romans 12. There is a ministry gift in 1 Corinthians 12 also called prophecy and that is where there is a ministry given to go and proclaim God's Word and to confront Christians. And then there is the manifestation gift of prophecy that occurs when God brings to light secret sins in the lives of people and they confess their sins.

John 16 says this.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.¹⁴

Then there is the gift of discerning of spirits. And this is a gift that helps you know between.... the difference between good and best, to know between good and evil, what is

¹³ Romans 8:26.

¹⁴ John 16:7-11.

of God and what is of the world, the difference between God's counsel and man's devices. And you have heard me speak on that before.

In 1 John 4:1 it says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God."¹⁵

And God sometimes gives an ability to someone to say, "You know what? I don't have all the facts, but there is something wrong about this." And they know it in their spirit. And then as they search it out, they find out why it is wrong.

Now the last gift that is mentioned is tongues and I covered a lot of this last week so I am going to kind of blitz through these slides, but a few points. The various gifts of tongues. We talked about the ministry gift of tongues last week. But let's talk about this manifestation gift. This was a biblical gift of tongues. It involved in supernaturally speaking in a known dialect, not previously known to the speaker.

So as a ministry one thing it did, if you look in Acts chapter two and all of the people are meeting together and they... the disciples began speaking in known languages and all these people having to be in for the feast of Pentecost and everybody hears the... somebody talking in their own language and they say, "How can this be?" Ok?

And then Peter says, "Well, this fulfills a prophecy in the Old Testament from the book of Joel." And he goes back to that prophecy and he explains it to him.

It was to let the Jews know that the gospel, God's grace was now available to all people in all areas, all regions. It was a manifestation to say that Gentiles could receive the Holy Spirit. By the way, there is four groups of Gentiles in the book of Acts that receive the Holy Spirit, only twice did they speak in tongues. So people that say if you are really saved you speak in tongues, they need to go read the book of Acts because it didn't happen to everybody there that received the spirit. It only happened to two out of four groups in Acts that received the Spirit.

1 John 4:1, or excuse me... there is a manifestation... The other thing was to indicate judgment on the Jewish people refusing the Messiah.

Look over at 1 Corinthians 14 and just look down at verses 21 and 22 and we are going to probably have to quit and finish next week. But it says:

In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.¹⁶

¹⁵ 1 John 4:1.

¹⁶ 1 Corinthians 14:21-22.

Here is what he is saying. He says, “God was going to send tongues into the world to show the Jews that they had rejected the Messiah and now grace was going to be extended to the Gentiles.”

Now he is not done with the Jews yet. Don’t worry about that. He is going to graft them back in, ok? But that was a sign of judgment. And he, Paul even explains it. He says, “Tongues were not for people who believe. It was a sign of judgment against those who refused Christ.”

We need to understand and it is amazing to me how many people go to some charismatic church. Oh, I want the gift of tongues. Why do you want a sign of judgment? Ok? That is what God says it is for. You shouldn’t be craving a sign of judgment. So it is a wrong emphasis to being with. And Paul explains that quite clearly.

And, by the way he says, “Prophecy,” that is speaking words people can understand and telling what God’s Word has to say, he says, “That benefits the believers.” So we are to seek prophecy.

Now Paul set strict limitations and we went through these last week in 1 Corinthians 14. It couldn’t be an unknown tongue. It... because it had to have an interpreter, somebody that knew the language that was being spoken. It could only be done by men. He says right in the context of this discussion about tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35 that women were to keep silence. They were not to speak when speaking in tongues was going on. It should never be by more than two or three. So the whole congregation wasn’t to try to do it and all babble at the same time. It is much better to speak in a language everybody understands. Paul said, “It is better to speak five words with understanding than 10,000 in an unknown tongue.” That is a 2000 to one ratio.

I will tell you what. If any time you can get a return of 2000 to one, go for it, ok?

And you should never be disruptive. It should... Everything is to be done decently and in order. So when you have got a service and everybody is jabbering in tongues at the same time, that is not decently and in order, ok? It should not be done by a lot of people, particularly if unbelievers are present in the church because they will think you are mad. That is exactly what Paul says, not my words, but his.

Love is far better than tongues speaking. There is why there a whole chapter dedicated to that subject and it even mentions, “Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.”¹⁷

Now let me give you a quick Greek lesson here. So where it says, “...but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail...”¹⁸

¹⁷ 1 Corinthians 13:8.

¹⁸ Ibid.

Donald, could you go to the next slide? Thank you. That is a future passive indicative. That means that something one day is going to come along, fulfill those prophecies and then the prophecies will go away. Why? Because they have been fulfilled. Ok?

Then it says, "...whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."¹⁹

So one of the things about knowledge is whenever more complete knowledge comes in, then the old knowledge is obsoleted, ok? But then he says, "...whether there be tongues, they shall cease..."²⁰ this is a different kind of Greek verb. It is a future middle deponent indicative. Deponent means it does it to itself. So what he is saying is that tongues in and of themselves shall stop. They will cease.

Interestingly enough, they stopped for 1400 years and nobody spoke in tongues for 1400 years and then it pops back up again even though Scripture never said it would pop back up again. So the gift did die and yet some people decided to resurrect it.

So let's do a little history lesson here. The New Testament was complete by AD 96. Irenaeus who was an early church father observed that prior to that time they had cataloged 70 different languages that people had spoken in when having the gift of tongues, 70 different known languages, dialects that were being spoken.

After AD 100 there is no mention of tongues anywhere in the church fathers and 60 years ago a fellow by the name George Cutten at Colgate University, he went to study this. He concluded that in the ancient church, at least, the church of the fathers, there was not one well attested instance of any person who exercised speaking in tongues or even pretended to exercise it.

John Chrysostom said, he wrote in the fourth century, he says, "The obscurity," in other words the lack of tongues, "is produced by our ignorance effect referred to and by their cessation being such as then used to occur but now no longer takes place."

So in the 400s nobody was doing this.

Augustine said, "In the earliest times the Holy Ghost fell upon them that believed. They spoke with tongues which they had not learned as the Spirit gave them utterance. These were signs adapted to the time for there behoove to be that betoken the Spirit in all tongues to show that the gospel of God was to run through all tongues over the whole earth. That thing was done for a betokening and it passed away."

It stopped. He says the purpose of it ended.

So when did tongues restart? Well, it restarted with a group called the seven all prophets in the 17th century, that is the 1600s. They were outside the church. They were mainly

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Ibid.

interested in politics and not the Scripture. Then in the 1700s there was a group inside the Reformed Christian Church called the Jansenists. These people denied the doctrine of justification by faith alone. And yet they spoke in tongues.

Now listen. If you deny the justification in faith, I contend, you are not a Christian. But they spoke in tongues, ok?

Then the Shakers, of course, in the mid 1700s. Their leader was mother Anne Leigh, regarded herself kind of as the female equivalent to Jesus Christ. They spoke in tongues. Then and finally in the early 19th century, 1800s, the Scottish Presbyterian minister Edward Irving practiced tongues.

The problem was all these ministries had problems with doctrine. They weren't based on truth.

So the manifestation gift of tongues, we can glorify God through language, a word of testimony, music. Scripture told us tongues would cease and it did. There is nowhere in Scripture we are told it would restart, but the Holy Spirit, I believe, still can so move in the heart of a believer that he will want to give a word of testimony that edifies other believers and that is a proper use of tongues.

So a quick review. What is the word of wisdom? The word of wisdom is receiving and understanding a life from God's perspective and applying a scriptural principle to your life. A word of knowledge is receiving understanding of the Scripture passage and the light bulb goes on and you say, "Aha, I know what that means." A word of faith means I now know what God wants me to do with my life and I have been given the faith to step out and do it. The gifts of healings were individual healings given to individual people. This gift, I believe, still goes on. I believe God is still in the healing business which is why we ought to go to him before we go to the doctors. There is the discerning of spirits that gives God... God gives someone the ability to discern between right and wrong, between the good and the best and between God's counsel and man's devices. And then, finally, there is the various tongues which disappeared for 1400 years, came back among groups that weren't even Christian people.

When it first reappeared it did so among those who didn't even believe in justification by faith. Paul says, "Seek prophecy, not tongues." It edifies the whole church. Prophecy can be understood by a lost person and they can repent. Prophecy can comfort. Paul gives strong guidelines in 1 Corinthians 14. All of which are violated by the modern charismatic movement. If you ever go to a charismatic service, it is a lot of women. They are all speaking in tongues. They all do it at the same time. It is not two or three. There is no real interpreter. It is just an ecstatic experience and that all violates Scripture.

We are not to forbid people, interesting enough in chapter 14 verse 39. It says, "Don't... forbid not to speak in tongues." I am not to forbid you to speak in tongues if you can meet all the other scriptural qualifications. So if you can carry it on exactly the way 1 Corinthians 14 says and there is someone who can actually interpret, I am not going to

forbid that, but I would contend with you that the gift is not there anymore. It does not mean, though, that God can't give you special help to recall a language maybe to witness to somebody, because I have had that happen.

Tongues were a sign of judgment. So don't seek it as a gift. Tongues edify the individual and not the church. It shouldn't be used in a church unless there is someone that can interpret. It is better to speak words that are clearly understood and even in Acts out of the four groups of people that said received the Holy Spirit, only two spoke in tongues. So it wasn't meant as a sign that everybody that got saved would have this second blessing.

Well I apologize for going over time, but that let me finish next week Richard can take over with his divided kingdom series and we are going to make these, the notes on these, they are already on our audio sermon website. But we are going to put these in a book and put a DVD together with all the videos so if you want all 11 or, I guess, it is 12 lessons now on spiritual gifts, you can pick up the DVD and we will try to have this ready in a few weeks.

Let's go to the Lord in a word of prayer.

1 2  **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

The Manifestation gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 & 1 Corinthians 14

3 **Types of spiritual gifts**

- Motivation Gifts
 - Romans 12:3-9
 - Each believer given ONE of these 7 gifts
- Ministry Gifts
 - Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
 - Given by God and the church
 - The church provides the opportunity for service and the spiritual umbrella of authority / protection
 - The church ordains those it confirms as called by God to the office of pastor-teacher

4 **Types of spiritual gifts (2)**

- Manifestation Gifts
 - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
 - These gifts are never to be sought.
 - These gifts are produced by the Holy Spirit in those who receive the ministry of someone using their motivation gift in a particular ministry.
- Miscellaneous Gift
 - Hospitality is called a gift in 1 Peter 4:9-10.
 - We should all practice this gift.

5 **The relationship between the three types of spiritual gifts**6 **The purpose of spiritual gifts**

- From the context of 1 Corinthians 12:15-21, it is clear that the purpose of a gift is to edify the church in her ministry. It is to be used in the church.
- Gifts are given to profit others, not yourself (1 Corinthians 12:26). No part of the body exists to supply only its own need. Every part of the body needs each other.
- The gift only fulfills its purpose of edification when it is used for God's glory and not your own.

7 **THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS**8 **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**










- *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healings by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.*

9 **Manifestation gifts**

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
 - “diversities of operations”
 - *Energema* – “effect”
 - *phanerosis* – “to show”
- A Manifestation gift is not permanent, nor is it a function of the ministry of a church.

10 **WHAT ARE THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS?**11 **Word of Wisdom**

- Wisdom is “seeing life from God’s perspective.”
- Proverbs 9:10 -- *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

- When the Holy Spirit helps us to fear the Lord we may begin to understand life from God's perspective. We understand how His principles operate and we learn to live by them.
- 12  **Q. What does it mean to fear the Lord?**
- The fear of the Lord is a two-edged sword:
 - In one sense, we should have a fear or "terror" of God's awesome power, wrath, and justice.
 - In a more positive sense, fear of God means to have "respect, reverence, piety."
 - Under NO circumstances does it mean we can treat God casually!
- 13  **Word of Knowledge**
- "To understand and discern spiritual truths"
 - Spiritual knowledge is spiritually discerned. Therefore the Holy Spirit must open our understanding.
 - This also begins with a fear of the Lord.
 - Proverbs 1:7 -- *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*
- 14  **Word of Knowledge (cont'd)**
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 -- *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*
 - So the "word of knowledge" gift occurs when someone receives special understanding of Christ and His Word. A spiritual light bulb goes on in his head!
- 15  **Faith**
- The manifestation gift of faith goes beyond the type of faith required for salvation.
 - The manifestation gift of faith is "visualizing what God wants to accomplish."
 - When God desires to accomplish something, His goals ALWAYS require faith!
- 16  **How does one get the gift of faith?**
- Romans 10:17 -- *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
 - A person receiving the manifestation gift of faith may visualize what God wants to accomplish in her own life (e.g. gaining a clear conscience) or in the life of the church (like a pastor knowing that God wants the church to engage in a special missions outreach).
- 17  **Gifts of healings**
- Both gifts and healings are plural in the Greek.
 - The KJV says "healing" but it should be "healings."
 - "Removing diseases of the spirit, soul, or body."
 - A person hearing the Word taught or preached hears something that allows healing to take place in their lives – usually as a result of following a Scriptural principle.
- 18  **Diseases of the Spirit**
- 1 John 2:15-16
 - Sexual immorality ("lust of the flesh")
 - Greed ("lust of the eyes")
 - Bitterness ("pride of life")
 - Sexual immorality and bitterness are diseases of the spirit which lead to diseases of the body.
 - Spiritual lies (e.g. false teachings or the lies of bitterness) "eat as a canker (cancer)" – 2 Timothy 2:17
- 19  **Diseases of the Soul (mind, will, emotions)**
- Discouragement (Psalm 42:5; 43:5) vs. scriptural self-corrective talk
 - Worry (Philippians 4:6,7) vs. trust
 - Jealousy (Matthew 5:5) vs. meekness
 - Psalm 103:2-3 -- *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.*
- 20  **Diseases of the Body**

- If diseases of the body are caused by diseases of the spirit, then a person can often be healed by removing the spiritual problem.
 - Cancer can be caused by bitterness
 - Asthma can be caused by fear of being left alone
 - The Bible also contains guidelines for physical health.
- 21 **Exodus 15:26**
- *And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*
 - God's Old Testament laws regarding diet, circumcision, marital relations all have health benefits associated with them.
- 22 **Miracles**
- The manifestation gifts of miracles are natural or supernatural events with precise timing which bring glory to God.
 - The ministry gift of miracles involves believing prayer. The Holy Spirit is to direct these prayers.
 - The manifestation gift of miracles is the result of that prayer.
- 23 **Romans 8:26**
- *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*
- 24 **Prophecy**
- The Motivation gift of prophecy is a drive to proclaim truth and expose sin.
 - The Ministry role of prophecy is to proclaim God's truth and confront Christians (and can be done by a person with any motivation gift).
 - The Manifestation gift of prophecy occurs when God brings to light the secret motives of the heart (John 16:7-11).
- 25 **John 16:7-11**
- *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. 8 And when He is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*
- 26 **Discerning of spirits**
- This gift is receiving insight to distinguish the difference between what is of God vs. what is of the world, the flesh, and the devil.
 - The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that something is or is not of God.
 - 1 John 4:1 -- *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*
- 27 **TONGUES**
The most misunderstood manifestation gift
- 28 **Various tongues**
- The biblical gift of tongues involved supernaturally speaking in a known dialect not previously known to the speaker.
 - As a ministry -- to enable the Gospel to be preached in other languages.
 - As a manifestation
 - To confirm the reception of the Holy Spirit by the Gentiles.
 - To indicate judgment upon the Jewish people for refusing the Messiah (1 Corinthians 14:21-22).
- 29 **1 Corinthians 14:21-22**
- *In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this*

people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

– Tongues are a sign of judgment to those who have heard God but believe not.

– Prophecy serves those who believe.

30 **Various tongues (2)**

- Paul set strict limitations on the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 14) regarding the practice of speaking in tongues.

– Could not be an unknown tongue – must be interpreted by one who knows the language spoken (14:28).

- 1 Corinthians 14:4 -- *He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.*

- "Unknown" added by KJV translators in 14:27.

– Must only be done by men (1 Corinthians 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:11-12)

31 **Various tongues (3)**

– Should never be more than 2 or 3 (14:27).

– Much better to speak in a language everyone understands (14:19).

- The language everyone understands is at least 2000 times more effective (14:19)

– Should never be disruptive (14:26,29-31,40).

– Should not be done by a lot of people when unbelievers are present in the church (1 Corinthians 14:23). Seek prophecy instead! (1 Corinthians 14:24-25).

32 **Various tongues (cont'd)**

- Love is far better than tongues-speaking (1 Corinthians 13:1).

- 1 Corinthians 13:8

– *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

– Middle deponent verb indicates tongues would cease of themselves.

33 **A Greek lesson**

- "*but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail*" – Future Passive Indicative

– Something will one day act on prophecies to fulfill them and then they shall no longer be in effect.

- "*whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away*" – Future Passive Indicative

– When newer or more complete knowledge occurs, it causes old knowledge to become obsolete.

34 **A Greek Lesson (2)**

- "*whether there be tongues, they shall cease*" – Future Middle Deponent Indicative

– This indicates that the gift of tongues as seen in Acts would not be superseded by something superior (such as new knowledge or fulfilled prophecy) but would simply "self-destruct."

– Paul is predicting that tongues would cease.

– No recorded instances of tongues for more than 1400 years; then modern charismatic "babbling" comes on the scene.

35 **History lesson**

- The New Testament was complete by A.D. 96.

- Irenaeus (an "early church father") observed that prior to that time, they had catalogued 70 different "languages" or "tongues" that had been spoken through the gift of tongues from the Holy Spirit. All were known languages (dialects).

36 **History Lesson (cont'd)**

- After A.D. 100, there is no mention of tongues speaking by the early church fathers.

- Over 60 years ago, Colgate University educator George Cutten undertook an extensive survey of whether tongues were present in the sub-apostolic age, and he concluded that "*in the ancient church at least, the church of the fathers, there was not one well-attested*

instance of any person who exercised speaking in tongues or even pretended to exercise it."

37 **John Chrysostom**

- St. John Chrysostom writing in the fourth century said of tongues-speaking: "*The obscurity is produced by our ignorance of the facts referred to and by their cessation, being such as then used to occur but now no longer take place.*"

38 **Augustine (A.D. 354-430)**

- Augustine wrote this: "*In the earliest times, 'the Holy Ghost fell upon them that believed: and they spoke with tongues,' which they had not learned, 'as the Spirit gave them utterance.' These were signs adapted to the time. For there behooved to be that betokening of the Holy Spirit in all tongues, to show that the Gospel of God was to run through all tongues over the whole earth. That thing was done for a betokening, and it passed away.*"

39 **So when did "tongues" re-start?**

- The next time any significant tongues-speaking movement arose was with the Cevennol Prophets of the seventeenth century. The Cevennol prophets likewise were outside of the church – their primary emphasis was on politics and the military.
- In the 1700's another group arose inside the Reformed Christian Church called the Jansenists. They rejected the doctrine of justification by faith.

40 **The restart**

- The Shakers of the mid-1700's spoke in tongues. Their leader was Mother Ann Lee who regarded herself as the female equivalent to Jesus Christ.
- Finally, the early nineteenth century a Scottish Presbyterian minister named Edward Irving practiced tongues.
- Yet, their prophecies contradicted one another and their movement was saturated with controversy, division, and false doctrine.

41 **The manifestation gift of tongues**

- We can glorify God through language (a word of testimony) and music.
- Scripture told us tongues would cease and it did. No where in Scripture are we told it would restart.
- But the Holy Spirit may so move in the heart of a believer that he/she wants to give a word of testimony that edifies others. Or they may break out in joyful song. This is a biblical use of tongues.

42 **Review**

- Word of Wisdom
 - Receiving understanding of life from God's perspective and deciding to apply a Scriptural principle to your life.
- Word of Knowledge
 - Receiving understanding of a particular passage of Scripture and the principle that is revealed in it. "The light bulb turns on!"

43 **Review (2)**

- Word of Faith
 - God gives someone a vision of a work He wants to do and the faith to accomplish it.
- Gifts of healings
 - God heals individuals in response to:
 - The ministry gift of healing / miracles – faithful prayers seeking God's miraculous healing for someone.
 - The manifestation gifts of miracles – healing comes as a result of responding to spiritual truth.

44 **Review (3)**

- Discerning of spirits – God gives someone the ability to discern between:
 - Right and wrong
 - Good, better, and best
 - God's counsel vs. man's devices

- Various tongues
 - Whether speaking in a known dialect or in an unknown tongue, this gift disappeared as prophesied by Paul and did not reappear for 1400 years.

45  **Review (4)**

- When it first reappeared, it did so among groups that did not even believe in justification by faith.
- Paul says we are to seek prophecy instead of tongues.
 - Prophecy edifies the whole church (1 Corinthians 14:4-5).
 - Prophecy can be understood by a lost person and cause him to come to repentance and faith in Christ (14:24-25).
 - Prophecy can comfort (14:31).

46  **Review (5)**

- Paul gave stringent guidelines for the speaking of tongues in church – all of which are violated by the modern charismatic practice of this gift.
- We are not to forbid others who speak in tongues (14:39) IF they are meeting all the biblical criteria in 1 Corinthians 14.
- Love (1 Corinthians 13) is far more effective than tongues at glorifying God.

47  **Review (6)**

- Tongues were a sign of judgment for refusing God's Word (so why seek it as a gift?) (14:21-22).
- Tongues only edify an individual and not the church and therefore should not be used in church unless a person understands the language being used and can interpret.
- Better to speak words that are clearly understood.
- Even in Acts, not every group that was saved and received the Spirit spoke in tongues.