

Romans #159

“Spiritual Gifts” part 1

*Romans 12:4-8*

**The money necessary for the operation of the local church does not all come from this gift, as giving is an expression of worship, a commemoration of grace and an indicator of mental attitude motivation of the individual members of the royal family.**

Giving is a mental attitude in every circumstance of life, dependent on consistent post-salvation rehabilitation as a free-will expression of the RFHC toward the Lord first, before it can be expressed toward people.

*And the pastor-teacher must make an issue out of two things as a recipient of support from believers; the Gospel, so although he doesn't have the spiritual gift of evangelism, he evangelizes when the passage he's teaching calls for it and he must make an issue of the Christian life from the mystery doctrine of the Church Age.*

The pastor exchanges spiritual blessings to the congregation in exchange for material blessing from the congregation.

**Most believers can't teach the body, so they're dependent on those who are gifted by God to teach the Word of God to them but all believers should be ready to lead someone to Christ and at least teach them some basics of the faith and when believers see a gifted teacher, they learn from him to improve the quality of their presentation.**

All spiritual gifts are a matter of grace and no gift is given based on God's foreknown merit of the believer and the gifts are never earned, deserved or developed through any form of emotional experience.

**The degree of spiritual growth is the relative status of experiential Christianity, so if we're growing spiritually, our gifts will function.**

Spiritual gifts only function inside the plan of God under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and momentum from processed biblical truth, apart from emotion.

*Spiritual gifts are the Father's witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ, related to the baptism of the Holy Spirit and distributed today by the Holy Spirit, although they were initially distributed by the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of His ascension.*

Every believer is given a talent or ability at salvation by God the Holy Spirit to serve each other in the body of Christ.

**Spiritual gifts, like any other human activity, must function under authority.**

Spiritual gifts have their highest function in spiritual adulthood.

*When a person has virtue-love which is personal love for God the Father; impersonal love for all mankind and occupation with Jesus Christ, his gift will function to the maximum.*

**Today, no one has the gift of miracles, since the completion of the New Testament Scriptures and the greatest miracle in all history is the power of biblical truth in the life of the positive believer who makes the Word of God his #1 priority.**

The easiest thing God can do for a human being is perform a miracle because it does not require any cooperation from a person; only a decision from the sovereignty of God and use of His omnipotence. *Miracles were designed to focus attention on the power of God and the Word of God and on the Messiah or His designate with His message.*

The greatest thing in life is not a miracle but the written Word of God living in our souls.

**Healing is not a question of God's power summoned by someone's faith, it's the wisdom of God's sovereign will in individual situations.**

**1<sup>st</sup>Corinthians 13:8-10 explains the temporary function of certain spiritual gifts;**

***“Love (virtue) never fails (is phased out). But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge (the spiritual gift), it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part (the gift of prophesy) but when completeness comes (of the canon of Scripture), what is in part (the temporary spiritual gifts) disappears (is cancelled, abolished, phased out or withdrawn).”***