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Taking the Full Gospel of Jesus to the Nations!

DEFINING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

ADMINISTRATION:

1 Cor. 12:28 - to steer the body toward the accomplishment of God-given goals and directives by planning, organizing, and supervising others.

(Greek Word: kubernesias - to steer, guide, helmsmen)

APOSTLE:

Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:28 - to be sent forth to new frontiers with the gospel, providing leadership over church bodies and maintaining authority over spiritual matters pertaining to the church.

(Greek Word: apostolos - 'apo'=from 'stello'=send; one sent forth)

CELIBACY:

1 Cor. 7:7,8 - to voluntarily remain single without regret and with the ability to maintain controlled sexual impulses so as to serve the Lord without distraction.

DISCERNMENT:

1 Cor. 12:10 - to clearly distinguish truth from error by judging whether the behavior or teaching is from God, Satan, human error, or human power.

EVANGELISM:

Eph. 4:11 - to be a messenger of the good news of the Gospel.

(Greek Word: euaggelistes - preacher of gospel; eu=well, angelos=message - messenger of good)

EXHORTATION:

Rom. 12:8 - to come along side of someone with words of encouragement, comfort, consolation, and counsel to help them be all God wants them to be.

(Greek Word: paraklesis - calling to one's side)

FAITH:

1 Cor. 12:8-10 - to be firmly persuaded of God's power and promises to accomplish His will and purpose and to display such a confidence in Him and His Word that circumstances and obstacles do not shake that conviction.

GIVING:

Rom. 12:8 - to share what material resources you have with liberality and cheerfulness without thought of return.

HEALING:

1 Cor. 12:9,28,30 - to be used as a means through which God makes people whole either physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually.

HELPS:

1 Cor. 12:28 - to render support or assistance to others in the body so as to free them up for ministry.

HOSPITALITY:

1 Pet. 4:9,10 - to warmly welcome people, even strangers, into one's home or church as a means of serving those in need of food or lodging.

(Greek Word: philoxenos - love of strangers; 'philos'=love; 'xenos'=stranger)

KNOWLEDGE:

1 Cor. 12:8 - to seek to learn as much about the Bible as possible through the gathering of much information and the analyzing of that data.

LEADERSHIP:

Rom. 12:8 - to stand before the people in such a way as to attend to the direction of the body with such care and diligence so as to motivate others to get involved in the accomplishment of these goals.

MARTYRDOM:

1 Cor. 13:3 - to give over one's life to suffer or to be put to death for the cause of Christ.

MERCY:

Rom. 12:8 - to be sensitive toward those who are suffering, whether physically, mentally, or emotionally, so as to feel genuine sympathy with their misery, speaking words of compassion but more so caring for them with deeds of love to help alleviate their distress.

MIRACLES:

1 Cor. 12:10,28 - to be enabled by God to perform mighty deeds which witnesses acknowledge to be of supernatural origin and means.

MISSIONARY:

Eph. 3:6-8 - to be able to minister in another culture.

PASTOR:

Eph. 4:11 - to be responsible for spiritually caring for, protecting, guiding, and feeding a group of believers entrusted to one's care.

PROPHECY:

Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10; Eph. 4:11 - to speak forth the message of God to His people.

(Greek Word: prophetes - the forth-telling of the will of God; 'pro'=forth; 'phemi'=to speak)

SERVICE:

Rom. 12:7 - to identify undone tasks in God's work, however menial, and use available resources to get the job done.

(Greek Word: diakonia - deacon, attendant 'diako'=to run errands)

TEACHING:

Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11 - to instruct others in the Bible in a logical, systematic way so as to communicate pertinent information for true understanding and growth.

TONGUES:

1 Cor. 12:10; 14:27-28 - to speak in a language not previously learned so unbelievers can hear God's message in their own language or the body be edified.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES:

1 Cor. 12:10; 14:27,28 - to translate the message of someone who has spoken in tongues.

VOLUNTARY POVERTY:

1 Cor. 13:3 - to purposely live an impoverished lifestyle to serve and aid others with your material resources.

WISDOM:

1 Cor. 12:8 - to apply knowledge to life in such a way as to make spiritual truths quite relevant and practical in proper decision-making and daily life situations.