

Acts of the Holy Spirit
“God of the Impossible” – Series

~READ TEXT~

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (1 Cor. 12) NKJV

~LET'S PRAY~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled todays message: **“Ability Given by God” – Part #2**

~INTRO~

WELL...

- As we navigate thru the book of Acts...
- Today we'll continue our four-part discussion...
 - Around spiritual gifts.

REMEMBER... GOD HAS GIVEN GIFTS TO HIS PEOPLE...

- With the purpose of engaging the mission – making disciples!
 - (Acts 1:8) Jesus spoke about *power for service*.

NOW... LAST WEEK...

- We saw different spiritual gifts across the epistles:

I. **Motivational Gifts.**

- Which are gifts to get the church moving (Rom. 12:6-8)

II. **Manifestation of the Gifts** (1 Cor. 12:4-13)

- Ministry is... the exercising of Spiritual gifts

III. **Offices of the Gifts** (Eph. 4:11-12)

- Gifts that equip the church for ministry (v.12) NKJV

AND...

- None of these are a complete list of the spiritual gifts!!!

HERE'S WHAT OUR TEXT SAYS TODAY:

- Read (1 Cor. 12:4-11 | 18 | 27-31) NKJV

HERE'S A FEW PRACTICAL POINTS:

IDEA #1 – SPIRITUAL GIFTS REVEAL THE PRESENCE OF GOD:

OK...

- Did you recognize there are ***nine gifts*** at the start of (1 Cor 12:8-10)...
➤ And ***eight gifts*** at the end of the chapter (1 Cor.12:28).

NOW... BEFORE WE PLOW THRU THEM INDIVIDUALLY...

- Let's capture the simple idea from the beginning.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS REVEAL THE PRESENCE...

- Of the Holy Spirit in the church.

➤ Your Bible says *the manifestation of the Spirit.*

1) Cor 12:7) NKJV – *Manifestation* = [Grk. #5321] *Fan - Air 'O - Sis*

Manifestation = Carries the idea of – *Uncover / Lay Bare / or Expression.*

- And the root of the word... means to *Shine / or Exhibit.*

POINT BEING...

- It's the Holy Spirit doing a particular work thru a believer...
➤ In both the natural & supernatural areas of life!

IT'S GOD MAKING PLAIN...

- His presence amongst His people!

PERHAPS... YOU CAN REMEMBER IN THE O.T.

- How Israel was lead with a cloud by day & pilar of fire by night.
➤ *(The presence of God amongst His people)*
- Later at the Temple in Jerusalem God's *shekinah* glory...
➤ Was above the Holy of Holies!
 - *(The presence of God amongst His people)*

AND NOW... IN THE CHURCH...

- God shows His presence in & thru the Spiritual Gifts!
➤ The *manifestation of the Spirit* (1 Cor 12:7) NKJV

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FOLKS...

- I'm not sure how you have viewed this...
 - But I have missed... this simple truth!

THIS IS A...

- Huge game changer for me personally.

HOW MANY...

- Have *resisted* OR limited God's Spirit?

HOW MANY...

- Have *erred* by believing that Spiritual gifts have ceased?

HERE'S THE DANGER... OF THESE THOUGHTS:

- When we lose sight of the awe of God...
 - We begin to think that we can predict the ability of God!

THAT'S FROM THE PIT OF HELL FOLKS!

- No doubt... a tactic of Satan is to marginalize the power of the Church.

AND WHAT BETTER WAY...

- Than to use his trickery from the beginning in (Gen. 3:4)!?!
 - *did God really say you will die if you eat this, Eve?*

SATAN...

- Confuses man about the words of God every day.

YET...

- **Jesus** gave the promise in (Acts 1:8) about Holy Spirit power...
 - For the church!

SO WHY DOES THE CHURCH...

- Think so little about Spiritual Gifts today?
 - We must get a renewed perspective of God!

IDEA #2 – REVELATION GIFTS: ¹

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- 1) *Word of wisdom* = Insights into doctrinal truths.
 - Power to speak with divine insight
 - Solving difficult problems
 - Defending the faith
 - Rendering justice
 - (1 Kings 3:28) NLT Solomon's Wisdom

- 2) *Word of knowledge* = Ability to apply truth to a life.

This is NOT the accumulation of knowledge...

- Rather it's the Spirit giving insight into something not naturally known.
 - (John 4:17-18) NKJV

MANY TIMES THE SPIRIT...

- **Speaks thru me** regarding an issue...
 - In some one's life & it comes out during the teaching of the Bible.
 - I have said things not in my notes
 - That have both convicted & helped people.
 - (2 Tim 2:25-26) NKJV

- 3) *Discerning of spirits* = (Matt. 16:13-17 & 21-23) **READ**
 - Discern what's from God
 - What's from Satan
 - And what's from the heart of man

IDEA #3 – POWER GIFTS:

God empowers believer to perform mighty acts of faith!

- 4) *Gift of faith* = An unusual measure of trust in God.

There is **saving faith**...

- There is faith that **trusts the promises** of God...
 - And THEN... there is **faith to accomplish the extraordinary!**
- The **classic example** is in (Acts 3:6-8) NKJV
 - Which is three gifts working: *Faith / miracles / healing.*

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Peter & John heal the lame beggar at the temple gate.

- It's **an impossible task!**
- At the leading of the Spirit all things are possible.

5) *Working of miracles*... (Lit. in Greek, “*the operation of powers*”)

- The temporary suspension of natural laws...
 - As God works from laws higher than nature.
 - Red Sea crossing
 - Raising Lazarus from the dead
 - Jesus turned water to wine

6) *Gifts of healings* = The ability to restore health...

- From a state of damage, disease, or sickness.
 - Physical healings – sight / limbs / cancer
 - Emotional healings – getting over pain?
 - Spiritual healings – demon possessed
 - (Ps. 103:2-5) NLT

~IN CLOSING~

WE'RE SERVING COMMUNION TODAY...

- Which is a wonderful time to receive from God.

CAN I ASK... ARE YOU CARRYING UNNECESSARY WEIGHT TODAY?

- Forgiveness / grudges / complaints / hurts / wrongs / doubts / sin.
 - Would you lay them down this morning.
 - And... by faith... embrace what Jesus wants to give you.

~LET'S PRAY~