

SUPERNATURAL ZONE

"Get in the Flow"

Pastor Rick Shelton

Sunday, August 16, 2009

- **1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)** Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,
- Verse 1: God doesn't want the gifts of the Spirit to be optional. Don't be ignorant about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Walk in them!
- Verse 2: 'dumb idols' refers to 'gods' that we served before we were saved that couldn't speak to us.
- Verse 3: A couple of weeks ago Pastor focused on Verse 3 - God is a speaking God! . . . and we are to know and have confidence in that. He is talking to us all the time . . . are we listening? Does something in you prevent you from hearing His voice?
- The most important thing we will learn is how to hear and listen to His voice.
- The gifts of wisdom, healing, etc., are gifts, yet carried out in different ways of ministry.
- Verse 6: different levels of energy that are in operation when the gifts are in operation. You can move in a gift of the Holy Spirit and at certain times for certain purposes the gift will operate at certain levels of energy (with the power of the Holy Spirit), and other times it is a different level of the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Today's focus is on Verse 4: different kinds of gifts (charisma), spiritual endowments of supernatural energy that result in miraculous faculties (prophecy, gift of healings, etc.), but same Spirit!
- Verse 5: different ways these gifts are ministered/carried out.
- 'Spirit': pneuma - breath, current of air or breeze; breath of God that releases current of air . . . Word spoken from Him continues.
- This is how the gifts of the Spirit work.
- The gifts operate in our life by God speaking to us, and we MUST KNOW how to recognize His voice. (Ex: gift of faith, "special faith.")
- **Romans 12:3 (NKJV)** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
- Every Christian is given faith when born again to believe God in personal life, pray for sick, cast out devils. This is "normal Christian Bible faith."
- The gift of faith is a 'special faith' that goes beyond normal faith, that rises up in us, makes a person bolder/more aggressive, and they do things they would not normally do, or say on their own.
- The 'gift of faith' never comes into operation unless you are using your normal 'Bible faith' and stepping out to believe God to pray for the sick, cast our devils, etc.
- An example of the 'gift of faith': With the hospital in Ethiopia, Pastor didn't have faith at first for the hospital, and only had normal faith for the girls' safe home . . . but not for a hospital! He had a word of from God to do the hospital. After a time of prayer, the "gift of faith" came to Pastor, and though it is impossible in the natural, God said, "Do it!" Faith came, and now he knows it's a 'done deal' and we will DO IT! Gift of faith always comes by a 'word'!

- Another example: Pastor and the church were praying for land. This land was land-locked. There was no access. There was a farm easement for tractors only across neighboring property. Two companies had tried to buy this land, but couldn't get it 'un-locked'! The land was very reasonably priced! Then God spoke to Pastor, "This land is yours!" Pastor Rick told the man, "I'll take it!" Pastor had agreed to buy land you couldn't build on! But, once the word of the Lord comes, the gift of faith comes! The issue is settled! It's done! The church raised money for the land, but still had no easement. Pastor talked to the man who owned the adjoining 10 acres. He was a cantankerous man, and steadfast against giving an easement. He swore he would never sell the land. Pastor kept going back to him, and finally he sold us the whole property for the same low price of the rest of the land!
- If you hear the voice of God say something that terrifies your flesh, act on it! If you don't, you will never experience these gifts. When you hear the voice of God it's like the breath of God creates a current of air, and once you act upon that word, it's like you get caught up in that current and miraculous things begin to happen, and things begin to come into place! All you need is a word from the Lord to literally change your world!
- The man who said we would build here over his dead body, died on his property the week we dedicated the church.
- The same breath of God that creates the current of air is the same that creates the activity supernaturally by the Holy Spirit!
- Rick Mead was a rough man who drank and fought everybody he saw. He got saved, and filled with the Holy Spirit, and began moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit (even though he was still rough around the edges). God used him powerfully in prophecy and words of wisdom. The gifts of the spirit are for EVERYONE!
- **I Corinthians 12:7-8 (NKJV)** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,
- In verses 7 and 8, manifestation is given for profit of all. Pastor would love to focus on all of the gifts, but he is focusing on the word of wisdom and knowledge to get us to understand that God speaks to us (verse 3, God is a speaking God!).
- Word of wisdom and knowledge is information that comes from God that you could not possibly know with your natural mind. We all need this gift to get us through the season we are in!
- A simple explanation of the 'gift of prophecy' is: in order for you to move in the gift of prophecy, you have to move in the gift of wisdom and knowledge. Prophecy means getting the information from God through the Holy Spirit and speaking it out!
- An example: Remember the illustration about, "Willie . . . Jimmy" from a couple of weeks ago.
- Another example: Casey Naidoo was an Indian who went to South Africa to start a church. Roger went from our church to go help Casey. Casey called Pastor, and said Roger was causing much trouble (as he had tried to do back here at LCC), and was destroying his church. (At this same time Nelson Mandela was President of So. Africa.) Pastor Rick told Casey, "I am coming to stop him." Pastor bought a plane ticket to go. A couple of days later a young man, Augustine Alcala, from Phoenix, called Pastor. He operated powerfully in the prophetic. Augustine hadn't talked to Pastor in about six months, but called to tell Pastor he had a vision of a house being built by a man named Roger, in an area with a man standing in the background by the name of Nelson. And then he saw Pastor running to the building, yelling, "If it is the last thing I do I will stop Roger from building that building!" Pastor had a gun in his hand, shot Roger, but the wound wasn't mortal. Pastor was walking away to return home, but Roger rose up and stabbed Pastor in the back. He was severely wounded. Casey said, "The Lord says don't do what you are planning to do or it will severely wound you when you come back!" Pastor cancelled his flight and eventually God worked it all out . . . God dealt with Roger, and Casey built his church!
- **I Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)** Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy.
- Pray, God I believe you are going to speak to me, and ask You to give me a word regarding the things I am dealing with in my life (finances, children, marriage, relationships, etc.). Ask God for the operation of the gifts of the spirit in your life. Apply your faith saying, God I believe you are going to speak to me, giving me a word, to move and be who you want me to be. You need the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in your life!