

“Every Morning”



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One of the challenges during difficult times is to know how to face the pain, mourning, disappointment, or whatever the challenge is, and at the same time keeping the perspective Jesus would have us keep. Let us consider how the writer of Lamentations handled this:

¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. ²⁰ I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. ²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. Lamentations 3:21-26 NIV emphasis added.

This Old Testament writer has the key. Despite the horrible circumstances he faces his hope is in the Lord. He knew that every morning his Lord would supply new mercies to sustain him. We also

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can rely on these new mercies every morning, but we have something that the Old Testament believers did not have: Jesus. You see, Jesus is our salvation—we do not have to wait for it anymore. Jesus, through what he did on the cross, is the fulfillment of God's great love and compassion for us. Jesus is our portion, our provision, the one who made the way for all Believers in him to live in victory, in the BLESSING that Adam and Eve had in the Garden before the Fall. We Believers now have the power, through the Holy Spirit, to affect the circumstances around us, to call things that be not as though they were, and to, through our words, actions, and sheer joy, bring his joy to those around us. And, we can do this any time, including every morning.

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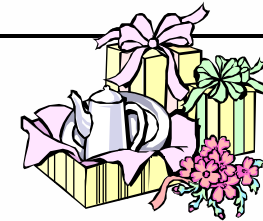
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“The Gifts” (Teaching Sketch)

Luke 10:17-21



God is a gift giver! All we need do is look throughout scripture to see The Creator is a giver of gifts and there is no where he will not go to give gifts. Notice the words of Paul to the Ephesians: “Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.” Eph 4:8 (KJV) People often focus on the nine gifts Paul mentions to the Corinthians forgetting SALVATION is the greatest gift!

1. Word Of Wisdom

A Word of Wisdom will come when there is a need to know on the part of the Believer delivered straight from the throne. Matt 10:18-20 (KJV) 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. Matt 10:18-20 (KJV)

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A habit is an over learned behavior.

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Jesus response to those who brought the woman caught in the act of adultery is a great demonstration of the Word of Wisdom found in John 8:3-

11.

2. Word Of Knowledge

The Word of Knowledge imparts knowledge that would otherwise have been impossible for that person to know. When Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Apostle Peter about how they were handling the proceeds from their sale of a possession. The knowledge Peter received about what Ananias and Sapphira had done was a Word of Knowledge. Acts 5:1-11 Jesus often was shown to know the hearts and minds of Pharisees and others.

3. Faith

The gift of faith enables a persons to have perfect confidence that God will do what he has said. Doubt is vanquished. Confidence in God and his Word is complete. Jesus spoke of great faith at the healing of the centurion's servant Matt 8:5-13 (KJV) 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I

Scripture: Luke 10:17-21 (NIV)

(NIV used to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

²¹At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

(cont. from page 3) of a message in tongues divinely inspired given in a natural language of the the one delivering the interpretation or of the hearers. Interpretation of Tongues is to edify (build up) the church. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. 1 Cor 14:5 (KJV)

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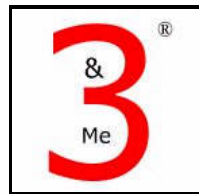
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Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**



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say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Matt 8:10 (KJV)

4. Gifts Of Healing

The supernatural enabling to see sickness cured. 15 Inso-much that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Acts 5:15-16 (KJV)

5. Working Of Miracles

The power of the anointing accomplish what mankind alone cannot, something beyond the natural. 11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Acts 19:11-12 (KJV) Jesus in Matt 14:17-21 Fed the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish.

6. Prophecy

A divinely inspired utterance that edifies exhorts and comforts. **Acts 21:8-11, Acts 19:6** (It can declare what will happen in the future but doesn't necessarily have to be predic-

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itive in nature in order to be a prophecy). "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." 1 Cor 14:1 (KJV)

7. Discerning Of Spirits

To see beyond the outward appearance. This gift discerns whether it is a human spirit, a demonic spirit, a godly spirit or the Holy Spirit. Peter discerned the spirit in Simon. **Acts 8:17-20 Acts 16:16-18** Paul discerned the demonic spirit in the young lady.

8. Different Kinds Of Tongues

This is a language which the person who speaks it has no prior knowledge of by learning. 1) Earthly language not known to the speaker but to the hearers. 2) Heavenly language which is not earthly and not naturally known.

When interpreted this gift is similar to prophecy. Acts 2:7-12 At Pentecost. 27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 1 Cor 14:27-28 (KJV)

9. Interpretation Of Tongues

Interpretation (cont. page 2)