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Text: Ephesians 4:12

*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ.*

Topic: Perfecting Self Through Spiritual Gifts

Objective: The goal is to show that “Gifts” are for purpose of strengthening individuals so that The Christian journey enhances the total “Body” of Christ.

Introduction

There are many ways to describe life. One of the strongest ways to describe life is that of a journey.

_____ – traveling from one place to another, usually taking a long time.

There are at least 3 types of travelers on “this journey of life,”:

1. _____ – those who start and stop based upon:

A. _____?

B. _____

2. _____ - those who focus on the future.

3. _____ - those who enjoy walking.

Now these three (3) types of travelers can be experienced in one individual through out their life in a progressive pattern (Stagnant, Destination and Stepper).

Stagnant - _____

Destination - _____

Stepper - _____

The purpose of Spiritual Gifts is to ensure that we are _____ and _____ for the _____ and _____.

Traveling the journey of life without being prepared can lead to being:

- A stagnant traveler – moving when it’s convenient for you. It could also make one
- A destination traveler – mowing over whomever and whatever to get to their final desire.

The Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 4, that the ministry gifts were given for:

1. the _____ of the saints

2. the _____ of the ministry

3. the _____ of the Body of Christ

4. unity of _____

5. _____ of the Son of God

6. proper _____ of the stature of Christ

7. _____ among believers

8. sound _____

9. proper _____ with one another

10. a well _____

Lesson

If we grasp a true understanding of “The Spiritual Gifts,” then we will diligently work on perfecting ourselves so that we can:

_____ - encouraged himself in the Lord.

_____ - speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Proper use of the gift(s) helps to instruct other travelers on the journey. This investment should reduce or eliminate:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

The journey requires that we master the following lessons:

Lesson #1. _____.

The Goal is to operate in my lane(s)

Lesson #2. _____

The Goal is to appreciate the operation of others

Lesson #3. _____

Goal is to complete and not compete with fellow travelers. This creates a healthy and harmonious journey.

Assignment #1

List your Spiritual gift(s). Finding your gift(s) can be discovered by:

1. Examining what you love/like to do.
2. Acknowledging what you cannot get away from doing.

Sometimes, gifts are first recognized as talents or special abilities. Gifts are viewed in the scriptures as operational by the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual Gift

Assignment #2

Research in the scriptures someone who operated in your gift(s).

Assignment #3

Record moments in your life when your gift(s) were flowing freely.