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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.

The Greatest Purpose

Ephesians 4:12-16

1. The perfecting of the saints
2. The working of the ministry
3. The edifying of the Body of Christ
4. The unity of the Faith
5. The knowledge of the Son of God
6. The proper measurement of the stature of Christ
7. The stability among believers
8. The soundness of doctrine
9. The proper relationship with one another
10. A well-functioning body

The fulfillment of the purpose makes for a glorious presentation of the Church.

Last week you did your Gift Assessment to determine where you fit in the Body and what role you play in the Body.

Why is this so important?

Everything that God has created must operate in its part in order to accomplish the end goal of God.

The Greatest Triune God (Trinity)

- God the Creator
- Jesus the Savior
- The Holy Spirit the Giver

All three offered “ The Greatest Gift”
“LOVE”

It is through love that the other gifts operate.

Gifts = _____

1. Speaking Gifts

Description: _____

Jesus demonstrated this gift in most of His miracles.

John 4:50

“Jesus saith unto him, **Go thy way; thy son liveth.** And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.”

1 Peter 4:11

“If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 Corinthians 13:1

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

List: Speaking Gifts

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Diagram#1:

Challenges: _____

2. Serving Gifts

Description: _____

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Romans 12:7

“Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;”

1 Timothy 3:8-13

⁸Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

⁹Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

¹⁰And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.

¹¹Even so *must their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

¹²Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

¹³For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Acts 6:1-6

¹“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.”

²Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

³Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

⁴But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

⁵And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

⁶Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

The true measure of the Gift of Service is knitted to sacrifices.

List: Serving Gifts

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Diagram#2:

Challenges: _____

3. Gifts of Power

Description: _____

Matthew 17:14-21

¹⁴And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

¹⁵Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

¹⁶And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, **O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.**

¹⁸And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

¹⁹Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

²⁰“And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**”

²¹**Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

List: Gifts of Power

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Diagram#3:

Challenges: _____

4. Gifts of People/Roles

Description: _____

Jesus forecast this principle in **John 14:12**

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

List: Gifts of People/Roles

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Diagram#4:

Challenges: _____

