

**Outline #6** Gifts For Witness: Unlimited Possibilities

O give thanks to the LORD, Psalm 105:1-5

**1. The Giver of all good and perfect gifts**

- a) James 1:17 Who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift? (see also Matthew 7:11)
- b) Name the greatest gift given to each redeemed child of God. John 3:16, Luke 11:13, 1 John 3:1
- c) Why is the gift of the Holy Spirit to be with you and in you (John 14:15-18) a crucial preparation, and ongoing necessity, for those who are called to fulfill the mission given to us by Jesus? Acts 1:4, 8
- d) What other spiritual gifts are given to followers of Jesus? 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Ephesians 4:7-8, Romans 12:5-8

**2. The purpose of spiritual gifts**

- a) 1 Corinthians 12:7
- b) Ephesians 4:11-16
- c) How does the image of the church as a body help us understand the importance of each spiritual gift? 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- d) Name someone in the early Christian church and identify the spiritual gift used for the building up of the Body of Christ. Barnabas, Dorcas, Apollos, etc.

**3. Receiving spiritual gifts**

- a) When do believers receive their spiritual gifts? Support your answer from the Bible.
- b) Matthew 3:16-17, Acts 10:36-38 - Jesus

- c) Acts 2:37-41, Acts 19:1-6 – believers
- d) Who determines which spiritual gifts we will receive? 1 Corinthians 12:11,18; Ephesians 4:8
- e) What are your thoughts about requesting a certain spiritual gift? (see 1 John 5:14, Matthew 25:14-15)

**4. Discovering your spiritual gifts**

- a) How can a follower of Jesus discover his or her spiritual gift/s? Learn/Engage/Listen
- b) What promises from the Scriptures offer encouragement for those who are seeking to identify their spiritual gift/s? James 1:5, Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7, Proverbs 16:3, etc.
- c) What spiritual gifts have you discovered in your own life?
- d) What spiritual gifts do you see in others?

**5. Using your spiritual gifts**

- a) What expectation does Jesus have for those who receive spiritual gifts? Matthew 25:15-30
- b) What happens when we use our spiritual gifts in the service of our Master?
- c) How is God calling you to use your spiritual gifts to build up the Body of Christ?
- d) Can a natural talent become a spiritual gift?

